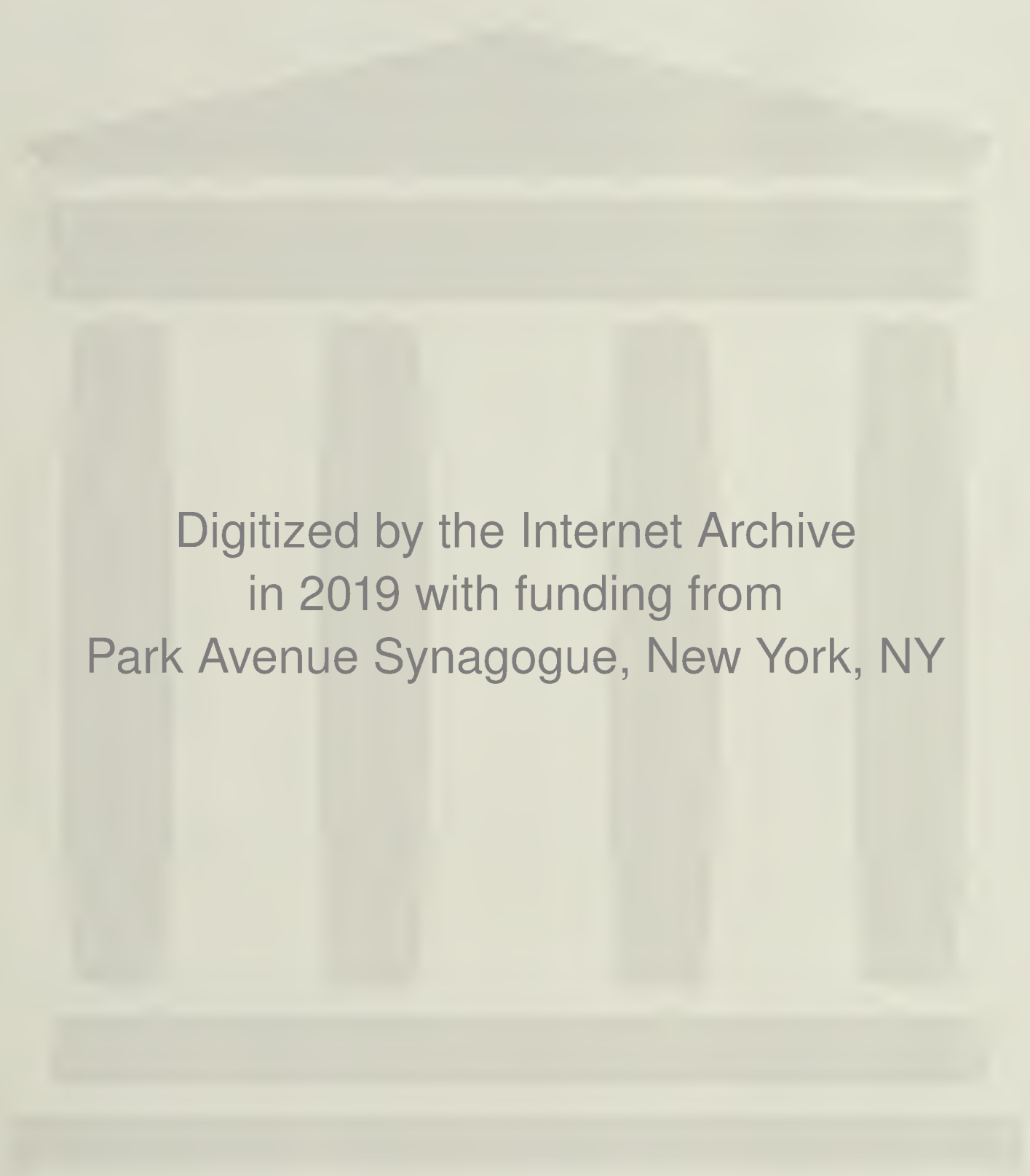


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Sisterhood Brunch And Theatre Party

By DORIS ROME

A delightful brunch at the Sheraton Astor Hotel, twenty-five chances to win many valuable prizes and a matinee seat for the Rodgers and Hammerstein new hit show, "The Flower Drum Song," starring Miyoshi Umeki and Ed Kenney—all this can be yours with the purchase of a book of chances for Sisterhood's Annual Brunch and Matinee on Wednesday, December 3, 1958.

Books may be obtained at any Sisterhood meeting or from Mrs. Arthur Morse, chairman, AT 9-1322.

The committees for this gala affair are: chairman, Mrs. Arthur Morse; co-chairman, Mrs. Jacob Starr; treasurer, Mrs. Herman Helpert; angel fund chairman, Mrs. Mitchell Leventhal; chairman of hostesses, Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer; chairman of seating arrangements, Mrs. William Kariniol; theatre selection, Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow; publicity, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome.

High Holy Days Begin Sunday Evening, September 14 Yom Kippur Falls On Wednesday, September 24

Rabbi Nadich To Speak On Eternal Light Program

Rabbi Nadich has been invited to be the guest speaker on the Eternal Light coast to coast program on Sunday, September 21 at 12:30 P.M. on radio station WNBC.

The radio program will be centered around the story of Job in conjunction with the observance of Yom Kippur.

Rabbi Nadich Appointed

The Reconstructionist, the bi-weekly publication of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Inc., has announced that Rabbi Judah Nadich was recently appointed as associate editor of that magazine.

At the last annual meeting of the Jewish Book Council of America, Rabbi Nadich was elected a member of its Executive Board.

The new Jewish year 5719 will be ushered in at the Park Avenue Synagogue on Sunday evening, September 14 at 5:45 P.M. with the Rosh Hashanah evening service. On the two mornings of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 15 and Tuesday, September 16 the services, beginning at 8:30 A.M., will take place in the synagogue and in the Lemberg Auditorium.

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, together with the synagogue choir, with Mr. George Crook at the organ. As was true last year, Dr. Nadich will be assisted by Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, Executive Director of the Synagogue Council of America.

Following normal practice, a united service will be held in the synagogue and auditorium. Rabbi Nadich will preach on the first day of Rosh Hashanah in the synagogue and Rabbi Tanenbaum in the auditorium and on the second day the procedure will be reversed.

Kol Nidre will be chanted Tuesday evening, September 23, at 6:45 P.M. and Yom Kippur services will start on Wednesday morning, September 24, at 8:30 A.M. Yizkor Memorial Services will be held during the afternoon at 3:00 P.M.

During the several services on Yom Kippur the rabbis will alternate also. The musical portions of the services chanted by Hazzan Putterman and the choir will be heard simultaneously at both locales.

Hazzan Abraham Friedman will conduct the Shohar service in the synagogue. Mr. Isidor Hahn, a member of the congregation, will again blow the Shofar.

College students will have a special section assigned to them in the Lemberg Auditorium. If any of our members desire to obtain cards of admission for such purpose, please communicate with the Synagogue office.

It is suggested that members bring their cards of admission with them.

Schedule of High Holy Days and Sabbath Services

Friday Evening, September 5.....6:00 P.M.
Saturday Morning, September 6.....9:30 A.M.
Friday Evening, September 12.....6:00 P.M.
Saturday Morning, September 13.....9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Stanley Kurzweil

son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kurzweil

ROSH HASHANAH Eve, Sunday, September 14.....5:45 P.M.
ROSH HASHANAH Morning, Monday, September 15....8:30 A.M.
Second Evening, Monday, September 15.....5:45 P.M.
ROSH HASHANAH Morning, Tuesday, September 16...8:30 A.M.
Friday Evening, September 19.....6:00 P.M.
Shabbat Shuvah, Sabbath of Repentance, September 20...9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Franklin Putterman

son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Putterman

KOL NIDRE, Tuesday Evening, September 23.....6:45 P.M.
YOM KIPPUR, Wednesday, September 24.....8:30 A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Service.....3:00 P.M.

The High Holy Day Services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich,
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Hazzan David J. Putterman and the
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Reflections on the Eve Of the Holy Days

These lines are written approximately a month before the High Holy Days because of the gentle reminder of the Bulletin's devoted editor that time, tide and printer's deadline wait for no man.

For me personally the summer, thus far, has been characterized by a dipping into the wisdom of the ages upon which there has intruded too often the anxiety of the age. For five weeks a group of rabbis and professors have sat together at the first sessions of the Seminary's Lehman Institute of Talmudic Ethics. Detached from our normal daily routines, brought together from the large metropolitan areas of the continent to a rural mountain resort, our daily portion consisted of study and discussion of Aristotle and Maimonides, Rabbi Akiba and Spinoza. The elucidation of passages in *Abodah Zarah* and *Moed Katan*, the *Nicomachean Ethics* and the *Theologico-Political Treatise*, the *Sifra* and the *Ethics of the Fathers*.

But from the outside world a raucous din compelled our attention. Revolution in Iraq, marines landing in Lebanon, Nasser and Krushchev conferring in Moscow—once again the world teetered on the brink of catastrophe and man's civilization was threatened with nuclear annihilation.

Was then the program of such an ethics institute unworldly, hopelessly naive foolishly impractical in a society dominated by the spectre of the inter-continental missile? Was not all the talk about the good life completely academic? Could the professor ever be a match for the saber-rattler?

And yet the more one thought about it, the more one was convinced that this was the only way. Nothing was more practical precisely at such a moment than the study of ethics, the ferreting out of the wise insights of Talmudists and ethicists, philosophers and theologians and their

application to contemporary problems. How else could there be hope for man's future? Time and again in the arduous and lengthy history of man's civilization, the scholar's wisdom has conquered the soldier's might, the book has outlasted the sword. Ideas have always been the most powerful things in the world.

A few weeks ago when Mrs. Nadich, our daughters and I called upon the President at the White House and in the course of our visit I presented him with an old German sword given me by Jewish displaced persons at Stuttgart, I commented that I hoped he would symbolically beat it into a ploughshare. His serious response indicated that the fulfillment of that ancient Biblical prophecy was his constant effort and ambition.

But peace, freedom and the good life are to be achieved in our day not by statesmen and rulers alone. If the tyrant and the saber-rattler are to fall before the professor and the ethicist, if the wisdom of the ages is to guide us through the perils of the age, it will be because the individual takes seriously his own moral and ethical commitments, because he will come to recognize that in the last analysis each person has a right to say—"It all depends on me."

Such thoughts ought not be amiss during this approaching season of soul-searching and self-scrutiny.

My wife, the girls and I wish you all a New Year of health and happiness.

Cordially,
Judah Nadich,
Rabbi

A Message From Our Board Chairman

With the coming of the Jewish New Year, we Jews are accustomed to look to our spiritual leaders for messages of hope and encouragement with which to face the future.

In the forthcoming High Holy Days, we at the Park Avenue Synagogue will find through participation in religious services a deepening of our understanding and a strengthening of our spirit with which to face the future.

We Jews are accustomed also to greet the ending of the summer and the return to the normal habits of the year, which come with the fall, as an opportunity to renew all of our synagogue associations, not only religious, but also social.

Activities of the Park Avenue Synagogue will shortly get underway and the arms of our synagogue, its commit-

tees, schools and classes, will begin to enable our congregants to draw from so many facets of Jewish life available at Park Avenue Synagogue.

As chairman of the Board of Trustees, it is my hope that all of our families, the new members particularly, and certainly those who have been with us for many years will fully avail themselves of the splendid facilities and intellectual opportunities which continuously unfold themselves in the pattern of existence of the Park Avenue Synagogue. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and officers of our congregation, we welcome our congregants back to another year of synagogue life with the hope that it will bring spiritual and intellectual nourishment to all of us who are seeking the strength with which to meet the problems of our daily existence.

May the new year be a happy, healthy and useful one for all of us.

JOSEPH HOWARD KATZ
Chairman of the Board

New Years Message From Our President

Greetings from Mrs. Klein and myself for a most happy and joyous New Year, not only for this year, but for many, many years to come.

Each morning during the month of Elul, in Orthodox Synagogues, as well as in many Conservative ones, the shofar or trumpet is sounded, in a most resounding Tekiah, indicating to the faithful, that the High Holy Days are approaching and reminding us to prepare for these solemn days.

At the close of the Neilah service on Yom Kippur, for centuries past, there is one long blast of the shofar, followed by the recital of the Shema and then those memorable words "L'Shana Habaa Berushulayim" "May we be privileged to be in Jerusalem, this coming year."

This message was written after my return from Israel this past summer, and may I suggest to those of you who have not as yet made the pilgrimage to Israel, do so at your earliest convenience and experience the greatest thrill of your lives.

No artist can paint, no author or writer can depict, no sculptor can sculpt, no matter how great an artist, each may be in his particular line, the marvelous accomplishments of the Jewish people.

I went to Palestine in 1929, and all I could see were rocks, stumps of trees and

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A Message from our Baal Tekiah

*Hear Ye the Sound of the Shofar
The Mystic Voice is Speaking*

Tekiah is a call to the congregation to stimulate the latent yearn for spiritual strength, and to perpetuate an ethical society through religion.

Shevarim Ternah is a call to urge you to search for the closeness to God that will give you strength to face all situations with optimism.

The last and final blast, the *Tekiah Gedolah*. This is a call for all mankind to be ready to serve God and by serving him we are given a chance to escape from our complex life and re-examine ourselves as individuals in the sight of God.

May God bless you all with a Happy
New Year

Your Baal Tekiah

ISIDOR HAHN

RIAL Activates Program

RIAL stands for Religion in American Life. Sponsored by 65 lay men and women of all faiths, its purpose is to stimulate interest in religion in the American home. Through working with civic, professional and fraternal groups, they have strengthened the efforts of men and women of all faiths who desire to "pull together" for a spirit-strong nation.

The main objective of RIAL is to restore God-consciousness to the American people. The members of RIAL, realizing that religion is one of the corner stones of our democracy, are endeavoring to bring this urgent message to the nation through its television and radio programs, its advertising campaign and especially through its community co-operative campaigns involving thousands of persons of all faiths from Churches, Synagogues and civic groups.

Through the years, RIAL has helped to build stronger Churches and Synagogues, and in this effort has had the active support of many community leaders and organizations. That these efforts have been fruitful is indicated by the increase of attendance at worship services in our Synagogues and Churches of all faiths.

In these days of scientific progress, when the discovery of the tremendous power of atomic energy may be used for the betterment of mankind or for its destruction, men of good will have the duty to give to us and our children "a faith to live by". Our Synagogues and Churches can do this, if we but avail ourselves of all that these religious institutions have to offer to us.

"Find the strength for your life" is the slogan for this year, in the latest effort of RIAL to encourage worship of the entire family in their Synagogues and Churches.

Mr. Benjamin Sack, former chairman of our Board of Trustees, and Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer, formerly associate rabbi of the Park Avenue Synagogue, are members of the Board of Directors of RIAL and actively identified with the program of this organization.

Let us, in the Park Avenue Synagogue, do our share in supporting this movement by increasing our worship attendance at religious services. The start must be made at the local level, if we are to "find a faith to live by." Let us now resolve to begin with the High Holy Days!

UJA Honors Congregants

Members of our synagogue continue to occupy high places in the United Jewish Appeal campaign.

Oscar Heyman

Since the publication of our last issue of the BULLETIN, Oscar Heyman was presented with a special bronze plaque at a testimonial dinner tendered to him by leaders of the jewelry industry. Mr. Milton Weill, in presenting the plaque to Mr. Heyman, pointed out that he had "long been one of the industry's leading philanthropists who had always given of his time, his resources, and his energy to every worthwhile cause."

At the same function, Mr. Weill also presented a posthumous award to Mrs. Louis Heyman in memory of her late husband—brother of the guest of honor—who had also been an active leader in all UJA campaigns in the past.

Louis M. Cohen

At the recent UJA telephone meeting of the shirt industry leaders, Mr. Louis M. Cohen was presented with a chairman's award for his work in the current UJA'S Rescue, Relief and Resettlement campaign. Mr. Cohen is a member of the New York Board of the UJA, as well as vice-chairman of the New York drive.

Ben A. Hartstein

At a recent Person to Person session at the UJA Headquarters in New York City, Benjamin A. Hartstein was among the several lawyers who were awarded citations issued by the Government of Israel.

The award was made in appreciation of their aid in the refugee campaign recently conducted. Mr. Hartstein has been one of the outstanding leaders in the Lawyers Division of the UJA.

We are proud to record in our official BULLETIN these honors which have been awarded to our devoted members.

Mr. and Mrs. Club

By GERALD SILBERT

The Executive Committee of the Mr. and Mrs. Club met in the Board Room on June 24, 1958. It will be the policy for the coming year for the Executive Committee to meet at least once a month on the first Tuesday of each month at the Synagogue. These meetings are to be open and all members are invited.

The first affair of the Club will be a cocktail party to be held immediately after the Holidays. Ruth Pordy, Louise Abbot, Lucille Stolz and Ruth Parnes are the members of the committee for this first affair.

All new members of the Synagogue are invited to membership in the Mr. and Mrs. Club without the payment of any dues for the first year.

The program for the year includes a quiz program with the Rabbi concerning "Judaism in the Home" to be followed by a panel discussion, an evening devoted to Jewish folk dance and folk songs, an evening devoted to a film and discussion of "Jews in American History", an evening devoted to a discussion of contemporary literature on Jewish life, an evening devoted to the story of the Heller Facade and the history of Jewish art, and other evenings devoted to discussions and lectures on social and cultural aspects of contemporary American-Jewish life.

We welcome the congregational membership to all meetings and look forward to a happy, friendly and informative year.

Arthur A. Cohen Book Favorably Reviewed

Arthur A. Cohen, distinguished son of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cohen, devoted members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, is the author of *Martin Buber* recently published by Hillary House.

Mr. Cohen, a young scholar and author of several essays on Jewish theology and philosophy, has presented a brilliant and penetrating study of Martin Buber, who has been described as "perhaps the greatest living philosopher."

The prodigious task undertaken by Mr. Cohen has been favorably received. A reviewer of Mr. Cohen's noteworthy volume has described it as "worth-while reading for the serious thinker, and certainly merits the attention of the scholar."

RESERVE THIS DATE

Wednesday, December 3, 1958

SISTERHOOD

ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

Brunch at the Sheraton Astor

Matinee performance of new musical

"THE FLOWER DRUM SONG"

By Rodgers & Hammerstein

School News

By MARTIN LEICHTLING

SCHOOL OPENS

The Hebrew Department of the Religious School will open on Wednesday, September 10 at 3:40 P.M.

The Primary Department will hold its first session on Sunday, September 21 at 9:45 A.M.

The High School Department classes will begin on Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 A.M.

Students, who attended the school last year or registered for the new school year, will receive new class and room assignments in the mail.

REGISTRATION

The School Office is open for the registration of *new* students in the Religious School. Applications for admission to the Primary Department and the High School Department are being accepted.

Registration may be made by telephone (EN 9-2600) or in person in the School Office between 3:00 and 6:30 P.M. in the afternoon.

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that *children of non-members* may be enrolled in the school.

HIGH HOLYDAY SERVICES AT JEWISH MUSEUM

High Holy Day Services for the young people and the children of the Congregation will be held, as in previous years at the Jewish Museum, 92nd Street and Fifth Avenue. The facilities of the Museum have been made available to the Park Avenue Synagogue through the kindness of Dr. Stephen S. Kayser, curator of the Museum.

Services for the students in the Hebrew Department of the Religious School will be conducted by members of the Junior Congregation under the direction and guidance of James Perman, of the Teachers' Institute of the Seminary.

Mr. Perman will also conduct a special service for the younger children, ages six to nine, who attend the Primary Department. This service has been planned to give our children, who have no ability to read Hebrew, an opportunity to participate in a rich emotional and religious experience.

Tickets for the services will be distributed to all students enrolled in the Religious School. Parents may secure tickets for children not in the school by calling the office after 3:00 P.M. (EN 9-2600).

President's Message

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desert, and today, Israel (re-named) is such a transformation that I had to rub my eyes to convince myself that I was in the same country I visited 29 years ago. I lack the power to convey to you the remarkable changes that have occurred in these few short years. Many of you may have your doubts as to the miracles, or some of them, that are mentioned in the Bible, but here is a miracle before your very eyes, during our very lifetime. When you see it, you cannot help but be thrilled to the marrow.

During this past year, I recall Rabbi Nadich saying in a sermon (I hope he will forgive me, if I haven't interpreted correctly what he said) "That unless we can stand in awe and wonder at the Universe we cannot really appreciate God's wonders."

I am indeed most grateful to the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, for the grove, which by their generosity, they presented me with on my birthday last year and which is located in Menasheh Fields and on which is painted a huge sign, Jacob Klein Grove, and which the Jerusalem authorities told me will be replaced with a marble one. This year, I had the privilege of seeing it, and with gratitude in my heart and with tears of joy trickling down my cheeks I stood in front of that Grove, with my darling wife at my right side and Mrs. Anne Harrison, one of our devoted members, at my left, and silently gave my thanks to God and recited the three-fold priestly blessings for the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue. Truly my cup of joy overfloweth.

May God bless you all with a most Happy New Year and I close reverently with the prayer we recite each Saturday "Therefore, the limbs which thou hast planted in us, the spirit and soul, which thou hast breathed in us, and the tongue which thou hast set in our mouths, all my inwards, they shall thank, bless, praise, glorify, extol, reverence and hallow and do homage to thy name, oh, our King."

And when the final blast of the shofar resounding with the Tekiah, has been blown on Yom Kippur night, may all of us, please God, be reminded that Israel has become an accomplished fact, a nation dedicated to the service of God and humanity.

May we all be inscribed in the book of life, good health, and happiness.

JACOB KLEIN

Men's Club Swings Into Activity For 1958-9

By HARVEY GLASSER

Now that the summer hiatus is almost over, Men's Club is ready to swing into full activity with a bigger and better program for the 1958-59 season. During the heat of the summer important decisions and plans were made which auger great things for the coming year.

Men's Club president, Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, has appointed a wonderful roster of talented and devoted men to the committees which keep Men's Club functioning smoothly. David Altschul has been renamed as chairman of the Program Committee, with Dr. Herbert Felner as his co-chairman. Ted Meistrich remains as chairman of the Membership Committee. Ted has also been appointed to lead a new and most important Fund Raising Committee.

Our Treasurer, Julian Jacobs, and our Recording Secretary, Jack Boorstein, will continue their fine work as co-chairmen of the Hospitality Committee. Samuel Kraft is chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. Vice-President Harry Dubin will serve as chairman of the Projects Committee and Corresponding Secretary, Harvey Glasser, is head of the Publicity Committee.

Chester Glasser and Dr. Harry Neivert were named to lead the Minyan Committee, newly created and for which we all have the greatest hopes.

By all accounts, this last year was among Men's Club's finest from the standpoint of program and membership participation and interest. We would do well to equal this performance in 1958-59 but it is Men's Club's earnest wish and aim, from Sig Siegel on down, to make this year our best yet.

Men's Club takes this opportunity to welcome all the new members to the Park Avenue Synagogue. To the new men of the Synagogue, we hope they will all contact Ted Meistrich c/o the Synagogue office for information regarding membership in Men's Club. You could not have picked a better year to become one of us.

The most heartfelt wishes for good health, happiness and success go from all of us of Men's Club to all of you for the coming year.

Sisterhood Opens Program With Tour of Europe

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

On Thursday, September 18, Sisterhood will launch its first meeting of the current season with a luncheon to be followed by a trip through Europe, personally conducted by several of Sisterhood's own members who have recently returned from abroad.

Our president, Mrs. Sol E. Green, will interview our fair travellers on their impressions of the various countries which they visited. Mrs. William Karmiol will discuss the Far East, which today has attracted world wide attention on the political scene. For those of us who have dreamed about the Brussels World's Fair, but have been unable to go in person, Mrs. Edward Peiper will picture its heralded wonders. Mrs. Harold Levin will present a pot pourri of countries she visited on her recent tour of the continent.

Hazzan Putterman has once again graciously volunteered to teach us some of the charming, traditional Hebrew melodies.

This travel adventure program promises to hold a fascination for all of us, and we suggest that you travel with us to these distant lands on Thursday, September 18.

GIFT SHOP

Well stocked with many interesting items, the Gift Shop will open at 11:30 A.M. to give our members an opportunity to browse prior to the opening of the meeting. Mrs. Charles Bennet, chairman, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Jacob Bonaparth, urge you to bring a new item that can be sold in the Gift Shop. In this way, you can voluntarily make a donation to the Offering Fund.

Archie Thurman Elected To Head Hebrew High School

Archie Thurman, chairman of our Ritual Committee and long identified with the Park Avenue Synagogue, was recently elected president of the Hebrew High School of Greater New York (Marshalliah).

The Hebrew High School of Greater New York is an intensive Hebraic secondary school which is attended by graduates of elementary Hebrew schools. Its

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander E. Arnstein—upon the marriage of their daughter Sandra to Mr. Alan D. Schwabacher, and marriage of daughter Lynn to Dr. Leonard Biel

Dr. and Mrs. Frank E. Cross—upon the birth of granddaughter Laura Ann Perlo

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Freedman—upon the marriage of their son Jonathan Louis to Elizabeth Rosen on June 28th

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Foa—upon the marriage of their daughter Elinor Ruth Caroline to Jacob Jerome Dienstag on June 29th

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Manacher—upon the marriage of their daughter Gail to Arnold L. Ginsberg on June 29th.

Hon. and Mrs. Abraham N. Geller—birth of granddaughter, Karen Dianne

Mr. and Mrs. Franz Lissauer—birth of daughter, Sharon Wynne

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Col. and Mrs. Irvin Waldman—upon the marriage of their son, Lieutenant James H. Waldman to Ann S. Blake

Mr. Robert Witte — upon his marriage to Miss Carol Micklin

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Weisbart—upon the marriage of their daughter, Jane Sue to Lawrence Nussbaum, Jr. on August 10th

Mrs. Leo Rosenhirsh — upon her recent marriage to Sidney Nussenzfeld

curriculum is designed to give a good intensive Hebrew education in the afternoon hours to pupils who attend Jr. High School and High School during the day.

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Summer Gleanings

Rabbi Nadich together with his charming wife and three daughters paid a visit to the White House during the summer where they were received by President Eisenhower.

During the past August, Dr. Milton Helpert, a member of our Board of Trustees serving as Chief Medical Examiner of New York County, went to Israel to serve on the Medical Advisory Board of the Hebrew University.

Condolences

Mrs. Betty Crain—death of sister Jessie Rosner Kingson

Mr. Irwin M. Dubrow—death of grandfather

Mr. S. Stanley Garfinkel—death of brother, Nathan Garfinkel

Mrs. Bessie Greenwald—death of sister, Miriam Slater

Mrs. Ella Oberdofer—death of husband, Gustave Oberdorfer

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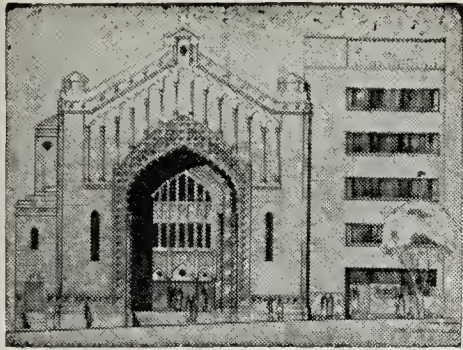
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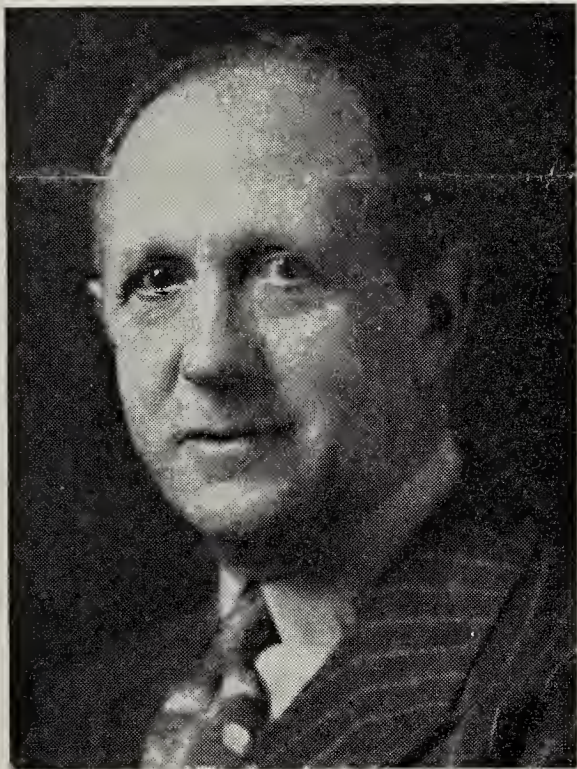


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Synagogue Honors Three Leaders At Simhat Torah Service, Tuesday, October 7

HATAN TORAH



HARRY HALBREN

Harry Halbren, Mrs. Herman Helpern and Solomon E. Green will be honored by the Park Avenue Synagogue for leadership and service rendered the congregation and the community at the Simhat Torah service on Tuesday morning, October 7, the service beginning at 9:30 a.m.

KALAH MAFTERET



MRS. HERMAN HELPERN

These awards are bestowed annually by the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue upon persons who have served with distinction in Jewish affairs and are looked upon as signal honors.

Harry Halbren has been named *Hatan Torah*, Bridegroom of the Torah, and will be called to the Torah for the reading of the closing verses in the book of Deuteronomy. Mrs. Herman Helpern, designated as *Kalah Mafteret*, Bride of the Prophetic Message, will be summoned for the reading of the prophetic portion of the day. This practice of honoring a woman for her Jewish achievements is a practice inaugurated in our synagogue several years ago. The honor of being called to the Torah when the annual cycle of its reading is begun once again with the opening verses of the

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HATAN BERESBIT



SOLOMON E. GREEN

Men's Club Sponsors Daily Minyan Service

A daily Chapel service will be inaugurated on Wednesday, October 8 at 5:45 P.M. in the beautiful Appleman Chapel in the Milton Steinberg House. For some time members of the congregation have been inquiring about the possibility of having a brief service for the opportunity of daily worship and for those who will want to recite the *kaddish*, either as mourners or upon the occasion of a *yahrzeit*.

This newly planned daily service is a project undertaken by the Men's Club whose President, Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, has appointed Mr. L. Chester Glaser as chairman of a special committee responsible for the service, with Dr. Harry Neivert as co-chairman. The service will begin each day at 5:45 and last for one half hour. Since it is intended that this be primarily a lay service, the service

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Sisterhood Theatre Party

By DORIS ROME

On Wednesday, December 3, 1958 the Sisterhood will hold its annual, gala fund raising function.

The brunch will take place at the Sheraton Astor Hotel and will be followed by a drawing for many valuable prizes.

Our matinee will be the Rodgers and Hammerstein show "The Flower Drum Song", starring Pat Suzuki, Ed Kenney and Miyoshi Umeki, who won the Academy award for her role opposite Red Buttons in "Sayonara." This glamorous musical with Gene Kelly directing the dancing numbers, promises to be the big hit of the season.

Books of 25 chances for \$25.00 may be secured from Mrs. Arthur Morse, chair-

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Together Let Us Build For The Future

Recently a brochure prepared by the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests, under the able leadership of Judge Maxwell Shapiro, its chairman, was sent to every member of our congregation. In it, the committee presented the need for the establishment of the Park Avenue Synagogue Endowment Fund.

You may ask, "Why an Endowment Fund?" To summarize the brochure—because we must keep up with the increased needs and expanding programs that a growing congregation calls for. Foresight requires that we build a reserve fund to meet future contingencies so that our synagogue will always be able to serve us, our children and their children after them. Were it not the fact that those who founded the Park Avenue Synagogue more than seventy-five years ago and those who followed in their footsteps recognized their responsibility, we, who now must accept this burden, would not be enjoying all that our beloved house of worship has to offer. Through the wisdom of those who loved to abide in the house of the Lord, we inherited the blessing of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

"How Can You Help?" By making gifts to the synagogue on joyous occasions; by perpetuating the memory of a beloved member of your family; by including the synagogue as a beneficiary in your insurance policies; or by including a bequest in your will for the "Park Avenue Synagogue Endowment Fund." These are but a few ways in which you can help. There are many others, including the dedication of memorial windows in the synagogue, memorial plaques, or the available classrooms and other portions of the Milton Steinberg House named for our beloved former rabbi.

Although many worthy causes make demands for your assistance, all worthwhile appeals, many are nationwide in

scope and some cover the entire metropolitan district of New York, but so far as your synagogue is concerned, it can look for cooperation only to those in the immediate community—to its members and their friends.

When you entered the Park Avenue Synagogue during the High Holy Days, you may have noticed the quotation from the Bible which is inscribed above the arch entrance. In Hebrew words they say: "O Lord, I love to abide in Thy house." Let us by our gifts to the synagogue, continue to abide in the house of the Lord after we have gone.

N. R.

Our Hats Are Off - -

While most of us were having a deserving vacation, and I trust a pleasant summer, Park Avenue Synagogue can be happy and proud that some of our congregants were engaged in a rather busy life around the synagogue.

A special salute is due to two ladies; Mrs. Milton M. Sivek, chairman of our Arts and Decorations Committee, who helped in making many parts of our synagogue and Steinberg House more beautiful, such as the choir loft, the ladies powder room, and the robing room; the other lady is Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, our new House Committee chairman, who has taken to her tasks with the diligence and skill of an experienced House Committee chairman, which she had not been when the summer first started. She is that now and has done an excellent job.

Our hats are off to our congregants David and Elliot Pickett, whose firm contracted to give us a brand new and beautiful ladies and mens room in the vestry and did a wonderful job to it, as did Milton Selig, who was responsible for several important paint jobs.

In another area and, of course, a most vital one, our hats are off to Solomon E. Green, 2nd Vice-President who helped conduct beautiful, dignified and inspiring services all summer long in the air-conditioned Appleman Chapel, aided by our able and vibrant Hazzan Abraham Friedman, and to Mr. Alan Mehlman, a former product of our Religious School, who volunteered his services as organist.

A special thanks to our indomitable Membership Committee for their summer-long interviews of applicants for membership with Harry Sokolow as its chairman, who had the reliable aid of

Archie Thurman, Harry Halbren and Emanuel Hochman. An excellent job was done.

We are grateful and most appreciative to all of the above whose summer work will make our whole year much more pleasant.

J. H. K.

Daily Minyan Service

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will be conducted by members of the Men's Club and of the congregation, although the pattern for it will be set by the rabbi and hazzan.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Men's Club and the Advisory Committee have willingly undertaken the responsibility of insuring the necessary attendance for a *minyan*.

Men and women of the congregation are invited to attend this service whenever they desire and to spread the word about it in the community.

Those who would like to help Mr. Glaser in this project are cordially invited to get in touch with him at LA 4-1750.

Samuel Lemberg Cited By Jewish Seminary

Samuel Lemberg, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue and one of its ardent supporters, has been named by the Jewish Theological Seminary to receive the seminary's Louis Marshall Award.

This coveted citation, named in honor of Louis Marshall, the constitutional lawyer who died in 1929 and who had served as chairman of the Seminary's board of directors, will be awarded to Mr. Lemberg for his "dedication to spiritual and cultural betterment of our people."

The citation will be presented to Mr. Lemberg at the Seminary's National Patrons Society dinner October 26.

Sisterhood Theatre Party

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man, (AT 9-1322) or Mrs. Jacob Starr, co-chairman, (SA 2-7978). Each book entitles the buyer to a ticket for the brunch, 25 chances for the drawing, and a seat for the matinee. Since theatre seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, do not delay. Send your check today to Mrs. Herman Helpert, treasurer, 141 East 88th Street, New York 28, N. Y.

Simhat Torah Honors Awarded To Congregants

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book of Genesis will be given to Solomon E. Green, chosen as *Hatan Bereshit*, Bridegroom of the beginning.

Artistically drawn scrolls of honor, commemorating the distinction awarded them, will be presented to Mr. Halbren, Mrs. Helpern and Mr. Green by Mr. Lawrence Herring, Mrs. Solomon E. Green and Mr. Jacob Klein, respectively.

Immediately following the service, the worshippers will be invited to a kiddush reception in the Lemberg Auditorium in tribute to the three guests of honor. Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has appointed a committee in charge of the reception.

HARRY HALBREN

Harry Halbren, retired businessman, is the kind of individual who has attracted many friends to himself because he himself is a friend to all. He fulfills the ancient rabbinic aphorism, "Who is to be honored? He who honors his fellow creatures."

The Park Avenue Synagogue has been close to his heart for many years and he has been an active and devoted member of the Board of Trustees since 1943. As a long time member of the Membership Committee, he has introduced many of the present loyal and faithful members of the congregation to the Park Avenue Synagogue. He has served also as chairman of the Nominating Committee and as a member of the House Committee and of the new Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests.

Before his retirement from active business life he participated in many philanthropic activities, the State of Israel occupying a particularly warm place in his affections.

A genuinely modest man, unaggressive and unassuming, for his service to his synagogue, Mr. Halbren has been selected for the honor of *Hatan Torah* for Simhat Torah, 5719.

MRS. HERMAN HELPERN

Lillian (Mrs. Herman) Helpern is an illustration of the old Yiddish proverb about the apple falling not far from the tree. Her family has always been prominent in synagogue life, her parents helping to found the East Midwood Jewish Center in Brooklyn. Recently the cornerstone of the Religious School building of that congregation was dedicated in mem-

ory of Mrs. Helpern's father, Louis Solowey, one of its charter members.

Following in the family tradition, she has participated in many areas of congregational life, ever since becoming, with her husband, Dr. Herman Helpern, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue. She has made great contributions particularly in the area of educational and youth activities. She served as president of the Parents Association for five years, after having previously been the chairman of its Executive Board and chairman of Class Mothers for two years. She has been a valuable member of the School Board for the past seven years and in that capacity as well as in her role of president of the Parents Association, she helped to demonstrate the need for a youth activities program geared to the interests of the young people of the Park Avenue Synagogue. The Board of Trustees created such a program in March 1954 and she was appointed one of the members of the original committee. In January 1956 she was named chairman of the committee, succeeding General Melvin L. Krulewitch, and has helped direct a phenomenally successful youth program that has earned the admiration of the community.

Her abilities have been placed at the disposal of the Sisterhood as well and she was recently re-elected a vice president of that organization. She was co-chairman of the Sisterhood Bazaar for UJA and at present is treasurer of the luncheon and theatre party to be held on December 3.

She has served as a member of the Planning Committee of the congregation and of the Advisory Council of the Board of Trustees.

In the wider community she has been an active worker in the Sisterhood campaigns for Federation and the United Jewish Appeal. She is also a member of Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Born in New York City, she graduated from Cornell University, having been the holder of the Cornell Scholarship. She spent her junior college year abroad studying at the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1936 she received her Master of Arts from Columbia University.

For her years of talented service in many areas of congregational life and, particularly, for her splendid leadership in religious education and youth activi-

ties, Mrs. Herman Helpern has been named as *Kalah Mafteret* for Simhat Torah, 5719.

SOLOMON E. GREEN

Solomon E. Green holds the office of second vice president of the Park Avenue Synagogue and for the past several summers has assisted in directing the Sabbath services. He has rendered splendid service to the congregation in many other ways as well. For several years he acted as *gabai* for the Saturday morning services and for two years as chairman of the Ritual Committee. His committee memberships have included adult education, library, Seminary and United Jewish Appeal.

In the community at large he has made his influence felt in the direction of strengthening the positive aspects of Judaism, particularly in the areas of religion, education and Zionism. He is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. For three years he was president of the Alumni of the Teachers Institute of the Seminary and is now chairman of its nominating committee. He is a member of the Board of the United Synagogue of America, an active member of the Jewish Education Committee, a member of the Board of Directors of the Yorkville District of the Zionist Organization of America, vice-president of the Men's League of Tranquillity Camp and is active in the City College Post of the American Legion.

He began his career of communal service in earlier years when he was an organizer of the League of Jewish Youth and a member of the National Board of Young Judea. In those days he was also active in the Young Israel movement and a lecturer on the Bible for Young Israel of Boro Park. Later he served as a trustee of Temple Emanuel of Boro Park and was an active member of B'nai B'rith.

A native New Yorker and a businessman in this city, he is a graduate of the City College, of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School and of the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

For his devotion to the synagogue, religion and Jewish education in the congregation and in the community at large, Mr. Green has been chosen as *Hatan Bereshit* for Simhat Torah, 5719.

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Adult Education Courses Begin October 13, Dr. Moshe Greenberg and Rabbi Nadich To Present Major Lecture Series

By SIDNEY J. SILBERMAN

Marking an innovation in the adult education program, the Major Lecture Series this year will be given by only two speakers, who will deliver five lectures each, thus affording greater continuity and enabling each speaker to develop his subject more completely and in a more unified manner.

The Lecture Series will be given on 10 successive Monday evenings, commencing October 13 and ending December 15, at 9 p.m. The balance of the adult education program will also begin on October 13.

The first series of five lectures will be given by the brilliant young scholar and teacher, Dr. Moshe Greenberg, a Seminary graduate and a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. The large audience which attended Dr. Greenberg's addresses at our program last year were so favorably impressed with him that we received numerous requests for his return to us this year. His subject will be, "The Bible", and he will discuss in broad outline the history and plan of the Biblical library and the themes and issues that are dealt with in it.

The second series of five lectures will be given by Rabbi Nadich, whose subject will be, "The Cycle of a Jewish Lifetime". In his lectures Rabbi Nadich will attempt to explain the origins and development, as well as the present-day significance, of many of our traditional Jewish practices, with emphasis on those centering about the peaks of the individual Jew's existence: birth, naming, *brit*, *bar mitzvah* and confirmation, marriage, illness and healing, and death and funeral rites.

This year the adult education program will also offer four Hebrew courses, which have been expanded to 20 weeks in length instead of the usual 15. During the first 10 weeks, from October 13 through December 15, the classes will meet from 8 to 9 p.m., adjourning in time for the major lecture series at 9 p.m. During the second 10 weeks, from January 5 through March 9, the classes will meet from 8:10 to 9:30 p.m., thus providing even more time for the completion of the work.

The four courses to be offered are as follows:

—A repetition of the highly successful elementary course in "Hebrew Through Pictures" which was introduced last year.

Rabbi's Wife Gives Holiday Recipes

Mrs. Judah Nadich, wife of our rabbi, was interviewed by Craig Claiborne in the New York Times prior to the High Holy Days for his column on "Food for the Jewish Holiday."

Noted for the excellence of her cuisine, Mrs. Nadich discussed the traditional specialties that were to be served throughout the holiday meal, in keeping with the ancient counsel of the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah to "eat good things and drink sweet wine."

Two of the "good things" to be served in the Nadich household are the honey cake (*Lekach*) and the honey balls (*Teiglach*). The honey cake, delicately spiced and filled with raisins and nuts, has an exceptionally airlike texture. The *Teiglach*, the honey balls, cooked in a honey syrup flavored with ginger, have a carmel-like glaze and a crunchy texture. The recipes for both of these delicacies are printed in full in Mr. Claiborne's column.

—An intermediate course in "Hebrew Through Pictures", designed for those who completed the elementary course or who otherwise have acquired some knowledge of Hebrew.

—A course in "How to Read the Prayer Book", given by Cantor Putterman and intended specifically to teach those who know no Hebrew how to read the prayer book and thus participate more fully in the services.

—A course in "The Living Talmud", given in English, which will constitute an introduction to the Talmud.

A brochure describing the adult education program in more detail will be placed on the seat of each congregant on Yom Kippur. Each brochure will include a postal card by which congregants can register for the Hebrew courses which they wish to take. All those interested in the program are urged to fill out these cards and return them as soon as possible.

Seminary Corner

A country-wide campaign to raise from 335 to 1,000 the membership of the National Patrons Society of The Jewish Theological Seminary will be launched at a banquet to be held at the Pierre Hotel in New York on Sunday evening, October 26.

SEMINARY CENTER IN JERUSALEM

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the American Student Center in Israel, a project of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America was held on July 29 in Jerusalem. Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor of Maryland, and Simon Greenberg, Vice-Chancellor of the Seminary, headed a delegation of Americans who participated in the ceremony and convocation.

More than 100 graduates of the Seminary's schools who are now living and working in Israel attended the convocation, at which Governor McKeldin received an honorary degree in recognition of his service to America, to Israel, and to the ideal of human brotherhood. In addition, members of the Seminary faculty and a large group of laymen and rabbis representing 650 United Synagogue congregations attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

Youth Activities Program Begins September 29

By HY SANKEL

The Youth Activities Division will begin its program on Monday, September 29. There will be several vacancies in our Brownies, age 7-10, and Cub Scouts, age 8-11, groups because a few of the youngsters in each group have "flown up" to full Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Parents who are interested in registering their children may contact Mr. Sankel, Director of Youth Activities.

The first meeting of the Art Classes for children ages 6-9 and 10-13 will be held on Wednesday, October 1. Register directly with Mrs. Sylvia Cohen in Room 303 on that date. Membership is limited to children in the Park Avenue Religious School or children of synagogue members.

The very popular Teen Age Group will hold its first meeting on Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 P.M. Applications for membership must be made in person.

Mr. & Mrs. Club To Hold Annual Cocktail Party

By DR. JEROME S. MITTELMAN

This Sunday, September 28, from 2:30 to 5:00 o'clock, the Mr. and Mrs. Club will hold its Annual Cocktail Party at the Synagogue. As always, the Club invites all members of the Congregation and their friends to the afternoon's activity. A large gathering is anticipated.

After the party, all are welcomed to join in the traditional Sukkot Services in the Synagogue, followed by ceremonies on the roof.

OPEN EXECUTIVE MEETING

On Tuesday, October 7, at 8:30 p.m. the Executive Committee of the Club will hold its monthly meeting at the Synagogue. Executive meetings are open, and all members are invited to attend. New members of the congregation are offered membership in the Club free from dues the first year.

Important Message From Jewish Child Care Ass'n

The following message has been received from the Foster Home Department of the Jewish Child Care Association for publication in our Bulletin:

What gift enriches the giver as well as the recipient?

There is only one—the gift of love.

Such a gift is sorely needed by hundreds of Jewish children whose home life has disintegrated. Victims of temporary family disruption, these children need care until their broken home ties can be mended.

The Jewish Child Care Association, which has been designated by the community to look after such children, can give them almost everything they need—maintenance, clothing, education, medical care, guidance and counseling. But there is one thing no organization can give: the personalized, loving care so essential to healthy emotional growth in a child. Only *you* can supply the warm, intimate family atmosphere in which a child may gain a sense of acceptance and security during a troubled period in his life.

Is there room in your home and in your heart for a foster child? You will not be out of pocket: the monthly board payment and supplementary services supplied by the Jewish Child Care Association will easily cover your expenses. The only thing asked of you is a share of your devotion and a place in your family

School News

By MARTIN LEICHTLING
REGISTRATION

The School Office will continue to accept the registration of new students in the Religious School until October 5.

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that children of non-members may be enrolled in the Primary and Hebrew Departments and in the High School.

Registration may be made by telephone (EN 9-2600) or in person in the School Office between 3:00 and 6:00 P.M.

CONSECRATION SERVICE TO HONOR NEW STUDENTS

Consecration Services honoring the new students who have entered the first grade of the Hebrew Department of the Religious School will be held at the synagogue in conjunction with the Simhath Torah service on Monday evening, October 6, at 5:30 P.M.

The new students will be presented to Rabbi Nadich and the members of the congregation by Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, chairman of the School Board. Rabbi Nadich will bless the students and give each of them a miniature Torah scroll and an inscribed certificate to commemorate the event. The parents of our new students will then repeat the blessing giving thanks that their children had reached this significant moment in their lives—the beginning of their formal Hebrew education.

Refreshments and holiday flags will be distributed to all the children who attend the services.

The following newly-enrolled students in the Hebrew Department will be honored:

Class 1A—Marcia Adelson, Keith Arluck, Libby Bergman, Zachary Bloomgarden, Ellen Eichel, Gloria Goldring, Mark Greene, Barbara Hyman, Fred Keleman, Michael Levine, Henry Levy, James Malkiel, Seth Nasatir, Harold Schwartz, John Seley, Arnold Singer, Jeffrey Sokolow, Cathy Wilder, Andrew Winning.

Class 1B—James Finkelstein, Sanford Granowitz, Lloyd Greenwald, Douglas Maxwell.

life for a time.

If you can offer the precious gift of family living to a foster child, telephone the Foster Home Department of the Jewish Child Care Association—TEmpleton 8-4500. Hundreds of children, from infants to adolescents, are waiting for your call.

Class 1T—Phillip Alfus, Ilsa Berger, David Bernard, Phillipe Bigar, Wendy Cornell, Daniel Ginsberg, Eugene Kaplan, Nancy Karpf, Hermine M. Mishkin, Mark Nasatir, Kenneth Sasmor, Patricia Shenka, Anne Hara Sivek, Howard Schwartz, Michael Waltuch, Samuel Zuckerman.

SUKKOTH SERVICES

The Junior Congregation will hold Sukkoth Services for the members of the Religious School in the Appleman Chapel on each of the festival mornings, Sept. 29, 30 and on October 6.

After the services the students will have an opportunity to visit the Sukkah and partake of the refreshments.

TEACHERS TO STUDY

On Monday, October 13, the students in the Hebrew Department of the Park Avenue Synagogue will be excused from attending classes along with the students from the three other mid-Manhattan Conservative Congregations. On that day, Columbus Day, the faculties of the four schools will hold a series of workshops devoted to the problems and techniques of teaching the Bible on different age levels to the students in our schools.

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The High School Department of the Religious School will hold its opening session on Sunday, October 12, at 10:30 A.M. All young people who attend a secondary school may enroll in these classes by calling the School Office (EN 9-2600). No previous religious education is required for admission to the school.

COURSES OFFERED

The Prophets—2 credits—10:30 A.M. a study of the role of the prophets in Jewish life and their contributions to mankind with special emphasis on Isaiah and Jeremiah. George Zeitlin, instructor.

The History of the Jews—2 credits—11:30 A.M.—a study of the process of Jewish development from the Second Commonwealth to modern times within the framework of world history. George Zeitlin, instructor.

Elementary Hebrew—2 credits—10:30 A.M.—for students who have little or no knowledge of Hebrew. James Lewisohn, instructor.

Intermediate or Advanced Hebrew—2 credits—11:30 A.M.—the instruction will be geared to the level of the students. James Lewisohn, instructor.

Students may register for one or two courses. All students who earn eight credits over a period of two or three years will be awarded certificates of graduation from the High School.

Sisterhood News

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Those who attended Sisterhood's open meeting Thursday, September 18, shared the many interesting experiences of some of our own members who had travelled abroad this summer.

After a delicious luncheon, Mrs. Paul Bercu, program chairman, introduced the speakers who were then interviewed by our president, Mrs. Sol E. Green, in a lively round-table discussion.

Mrs. Bernard Golding told of the charm of the Scandinavian countries, the land of the midnight sun. The glories of Israel were graphically described by Mrs. Milton Helpen who had accompanied her husband, Dr. Milton Helpen, to Israel this summer where Dr. Helpen served on the Medical Advisory Board of the Hebrew University. The Far East, prominent in today's news, was ably discussed by Mrs. William Karmiol, and the beauties of Italy, France and England were pictured by Mrs. Harold H. Levin. Mrs. Edward Peiper gave a most delightful picture of the wonders of the Brussels World's Fair.

Mrs. Bernard Alexander spoke of the current campaign conducted by the National Women's League for the construction of a dormitory for women students at the Jewish Theological Seminary. This lack of adequate facilities for young students at the Seminary has been a deterrent in attracting girls from outside communities. A campaign for funds to carry out this project is now underway, and we hope that those interested in lending a helping hand in this worthwhile effort, will please communicate with Mrs. Sol E. Green. (RE 4-4670).

Sisterhood's next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 21, so please make a note of this date. Our speaker will be Mrs. Elizabeth Shack, of the League of Women's Voters, who will discuss "Women's Role in Politics." Mrs. Theodore Meistrich, chairman of the political action committee, will present the speaker.

GIFT SHOP

Mrs. Charles Bennet and Mrs. Jacob Bonaparth, co-chairman of the Gift Shop, wish to thank those who have contributed items for sale, and to urge those who have not yet brought a salable article to please do so at the October 21 meeting. In this way, Sisterhood can increase its receipts for the Offering Fund.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, September 26.....6:00 P.M.
Saturday Morning, September 27.....9:30 A.M.

— SUKKOT SERVICES —

(Kiddush will be served in the Sukkah after each service)

Sunday Evening, September 28.....5:45 P.M.
Monday Morning, September 29.....9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening, September 29.....5:45 P.M.
Tuesday Morning, September 30.....9:30 A.M.

Friday Evening, October 3.....6:00 P.M.
Saturday Morning, October 4.....9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Robert Friedman son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Friedman

Shemini Azeret Eve, Sunday, October 5.....5:45 P.M.
Shemini Azeret, Monday, October 6.....9:30 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Service

Simhat Torah Eve, Monday, October 6.....5:30 P.M.
Consecration of New Students

Simhat Torah, Tuesday, October 7.....9:30 A.M.
Honoring of Three Congregants

Solomon E. Green, Harry Halbren, Mrs. Herman Helpen Reception following service in Lemberg Auditorium

Friday Evening, October 10.....6:00 P.M.
Saturday Morning, October 11.....9:30 A.M.

*The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich
and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the synagogue
choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

CEREMONIAL OBJECTS

Once again, Mrs. Irma Heller wishes to remind you that she has received a new supply of gifts for all occasions, appropriate for the Holy Days, the Sabbath and the Festivals. These ceremonial objects make ideal gifts of spiritual, educational and traditional significance and bring warmth and beauty into the home. Among the many items available are mazzuzos, talaism, talis bags, yahrzeit lamps, attractive jewelry, ash trays and numerous other articles. Irma is always ready and eager to serve you, and urges you to phone her at home (AT 9-5500) or at the synagogue office.

Condolences

Mrs. Jesse Block — death of her father, Charles Burstein

Dr. and Mrs. Werner J. Cahnman — death of their nephew, Roberto Ottolenghi

Murray Gillette — death of his sister, Sadie Solomon

Harry A. Rubinsky — death of his wife, Anna L. Rubinsky

Congratulations

Mrs. Ceil Selig — upon the marriage of her son, Stephen F. Selig.

Mr. Milton Selig — upon the marriage of his son, Stephen F. Selig.

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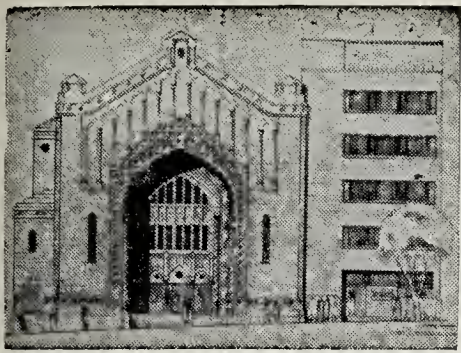
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A Word of Appreciation To Ushering Committee

I want to express my personal thanks and gratitude to Fred Berman, Harry Dubin, Emil Forster, Chester Glaser, Milton Heller, Eddy Kaye, Leon Klein, Ted Meistrich, Morty Millheiser, Dr. Harry Neivert, Dr. Sig Siegel, Al Seigel, Dr. Sam Stern and Bob Witte for their service as ushers on the High Holy Days.

By their loyalty and unselfish service they helped to maintain the decorum and dignity during the services.

The Hospitality and Ushering Committee will function throughout the year and all of you will again have the opportunity to serve.

David Altschul, Chairman
Hospitality and Ushering
Committee

DAILY MINYAN SERVICE
5:45 P.M.

Appleman Chapel
All Are Welcome

Late Friday Evening Service Season Begins on Friday, October 31 at 8:30 P. M.

This season of late Friday evening services will commence on October 31 and will continue until next May, when it will be brought to an end with the Fifteenth Annual Liturgical Music Concert and Service.

IN MEMORIAM

Yom Kippur 1957 through
Yom Kippur 1958

Marie H. Astrachan
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Dora Ginzberg
Joseph Janovic
Jessie Rosner Kingson
Alfred Luebeck
Gustave Oberdorfer
Morris Posner
Maurice Rentner
Dr. William Robinson
Sarah Rosenberg
Anna Rubinsky
Dr. Alfred Schenker
Sol S. Waldman
Louis L. Winkelman

At this first service of the season Dr. Nadich will speak on a subject of current interest because of its dramatic eruption in Israel a short while ago when the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. David Ben Gurion, supported his Minister of the Interior in attempting to lay down a definition of a Jew. The members of his Cabinet representing the Orthodox parties left the government during the ensuing controversy and a political crisis was precipitated. The matter is now under study in Israel.

However, the question, "Who is a Jew?" is of interest not only in Israel, but the world over. It is this subject that Rabbi Nadich will discuss in his opening lecture on October 31,

An Oneg Shabbat and tea will follow the service in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Our members are urged to attend these services regularly together with their families. The sermons and music, together with individual prayer and congregational worship, can be a source of spiritual strength, intellectual stimulation and esthetic delight. But for prayer to have its greatest benefit for the individual, it must be a habit practiced regularly.

We urge our readers to set aside Friday evenings as synagogue night for the entire family.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, October 17 5:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, October 18 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Leichtling
son of Dr. and Mrs. Julius Leichtling

Friday Evening, October 24 5:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, October 25 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of David Friedman
son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Friedman

Friday Evening, October 31 8:30 P.M.
OPENING LATE FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"An Old Question in a New World—Who is a Jew?"

Saturday Morning, November 1 9:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Leonard Aronson
son of Mr. and Mrs. David Aronson

Rabbi Judah Nadich will preach on the Scriptural Portion
each Sabbath morning.

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Nadich and
Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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When Your Synagogue Honors You

Many of our new congregants may not be aware of the policy of the Park Avenue Synagogue with regard to Synagogue honors regularly bestowed upon our members and worshippers.

When you have been selected for an *Aliyah* or other honor at any of our religious services, you should recognize that your selection was made because you have been deemed worthy of the particular honor.

No monetary contribution is expected from you when you are called to the Torah for an *Aliyah* or in the case of any honor at the Park Avenue Synagogue. We are happy to assign this honor to you and every effort is made to include all the members of our congregation.

When you receive notice that you have been selected for any of these honors in the Synagogue, welcome it as an additional spur to closer attachment to God, Torah and Judaism, for it is a high honor.

Daily Afternoon Service In Appleman Chapel

Beginning after the recent fall holidays, a daily service has been held in the Appleman Chapel at 5:45 P.M.

This service is under the aegis of the Men's Club and its committee headed by Mr. L. Chester Glaser and Dr. Harry Neivert. This brief service affords an opportunity for all those who desire to participate in daily worship and also for those who wish to recite the *kaddish* either because they are in mourning or because of a *yahrzeit*.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

"An Open Letter"

Dear Synagogue Member:

The Sisterhood directly aids the Synagogue, in addition to its many philanthropic endeavors for the community. It has just financed the remodeling of the Ladies' Room. Other large projects have been the Bride's Room, the Acoustical Ceiling in the Lemberg Auditorium, equipment for both kitchens, linens, tables, and \$50,000 towards the Milton Steinberg Building Fund.

We finance our budget by one event each year. A matinee brunch is planned for Dec. 3, at the newly redecorated Astor ball room, followed by the musical, "Flower Drum Song." Purchase or sale of a \$25 raffle book entitles you to an enjoyable afternoon, and 25 chances to win very desirable prizes.

Even though you may not be a Sisterhood member, you do benefit directly or indirectly from our many Sisterhood activities. Therefore, I feel confident that you will want to encourage our women with your patronage.

We had a brilliant success last year, and hope that you will assist us to even greater achievement.

Faithfully yours,
Belle Green,
President

UJA Honors Congregants

The Coal and Fuel Oil Division of the United Jewish Appeal honored several of its veteran leaders at a recent dinner at which over \$100,000 was contributed.

Among those honored for their devotion and support of the State of Israel were Irving Manacher and his son Jay, the 1958 Campaign chairmen, both of the Central Coal Co.; and Irving Sabsevit, president of the Foreston Coal Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Manacher have been members of the Park Avenue Synagogue for several years and Mr. and Mrs. Sabsevit recently joined our congregation and worshiped with us at the recent High Holy Days.

The guests of honor were presented with the Chairmen's Award signed by David Ben Gurion, on behalf of the people of Israel, and issued on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

Our congratulations to two more of our members who are such staunch supporters of the State of Israel and whose efforts in its behalf ante-date the creation of the State of Israel in 1948.

Yom Kippur Dedications

During the Yom Kippur service, prayers were chanted in acknowledgement of special gifts received during the past liturgical year.

These included the stained glass window dedicated in memory of Edward Gutman by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gutman; memorial tablets in memory of Felicia Baar contributed by Jesse G. Fox, Janet T. Cohen contributed by Joseph E. Cohen, Rachmil and Sarah Einiger contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Einiger, Manning Harris contributed by Mrs. Bertha Harris, Max and Minnie Helfstein contributed by Mrs. George Weissman, Paul Mayrint contributed by Mrs. Gussie Mayrint; Morris Salinger contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Einiger, Moe Turman contributed by Mrs. Moe Turman, and Louis L. Winkelman contributed by Mrs. Gussie Winkelman.

In addition, Torah scrolls were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Isidore M. Cohen and Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green; a white Torah cover was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Cohen; a blue Torah cover was donated by Mrs. Beatrice Klenert in memory of Jennie Furchheimer; a blue altar cloth was donated by Mrs. Jacob Klein in honor of her husband, Jacob Klein; a book mark for the Bible was donated by Mrs. Anna Edelman, who also contributed all material, design and labor required on the Torah covers, altar cloth and book mark.

Acknowledgement was also made of the contribution of Sabbath Prayer Books and Hertz Pentateuchs by Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold R. Golding in memory of his mother, Sue Golding; Sabbath Prayer Books by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Gerber in memory of her mother, Lizzie Rothenberg; Sabbath Prayer Books by Mrs. Sidney Nussenfeld in memory of her late husband, Leo Rosenhirsch; Sabbath Prayer Books by Mr. and Mrs. Tubie Resnik in memory of her mother Dora Smith; and Torah Readings for Festivals by Mrs. Bessie Greenwald in memory of her husband, Harry M. Greenwald.

LOST

A diamond and sapphire circle pin on night of Yom Kippur in or near vicinity of Synagogue.
Finder please communicate with Synagogue office.

Rabbi Nadich To Speak To Mr. and Mrs. Club

By MRS JEROME S. MITTELMAN

On Tuesday evening, October 21, at 8:30 Rabbi Judah Nadich will discuss "Judaism in the Home," at the regular monthly Mr. and Mrs. Club meeting to be held at the Synagogue.

This meeting is in keeping with the Club's announced intention of offering activities of a Jewish cultural nature as part of its program. Rabbi Nadich's presentations have always been very well received, and this one is eagerly anticipated. All members of the Congregation and their friends are cordially invited to join members of the Club in the evening's activity.

An opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones will conclude the meeting with a brief social period. Refreshments will be served.

The Executive Committee expresses appreciation to Lucille Stoltz, Ruth Pordy, Ramie Silbert, and Louise Abott who served as hostesses for the Club's recent Cocktail Party. Edward Davidson, Dr. Leon Pordy, Bill Abott, and Fred Krones also did yeoman's work. It was through all their efforts that the party was such a huge success. Rabbi Nadich, Hazzan Putterman, and Mr. Sidney Katz greeted all those present.

The well attended party concluded in time to permit all to join in Succot Services in the Synagogue.

Judge Kaplan Appointed Investigation Comm.

Judge Louis Kaplan, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, has been appointed Investigation Commissioner of the City of New York by Mayor Wagner.

Judge Kaplan is now sitting as a justice of the Court of Special Sessions to which he had originally been appointed by Mayor Wagner. Prior to that he had served as an assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

We congratulate Judge Kaplan upon his recent appointment and his wife Beatrice, who has been active in the Parents Association and is now chairman of its program committee.

Men's Club Presents 11th Annual Election Showcase

By HARVEY GLASSER

It's the time of year when we, the electorate, must select the political candidates of our choice to represent us in local, state and federal government. Election day this year is Tuesday, November 4th. To aid the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue and their friends in making their selection, Men's Club will present its 11th Annual Election Showcase and Political Jamboree on Tuesday, October 28, at 8:30 P.M., in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Synagogue.

All the members of the Synagogue, including the ladies and your friends and guests, are welcomed to attend.

This annual event has become a fixture on the local political scene and provides an important forum for political candidates to expound their views on the issues of the day. More important, it enables those in attendance to meet the candidates face to face, and in person.

As in the past, all the top candidates for office will be present, foremost among them being Governor Harriman and his opponent Nelson Rockefeller.

On Sunday morning, October 12, Men's Club's Board of Directors and Advisory Committee tendered a brunch in honor of the new members of the Synagogue. Good fellowship mixed very well with bagels and lox and Men's Club is looking forward to many new names on its membership rolls this year. Once again, Harry Dubin, our estimable vice president, headed the committee which arranged the menu and the other details to every one's satisfaction. Ted Meistrich, chairman of the membership committee, did an outstanding job in getting such an excellent turnout of the new members of the Synagogue.

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Parents Ass'n Luncheon

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

The annual luncheon of the Parents Association for mothers of children entering the Religious School for the first time will be held on Monday, October 27, in the Sisterhood Lounge.

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, president of the Parents Association, will greet the mothers and will describe the various activities in which mothers can participate in its program. Rabbi Nadich will explain the role of a parent in the child's religious education, and Hazzan Putterman will tell the group of the importance of Jewish music in our everyday lives. The curriculum and other interesting facts about the Religious School will be outlined by Martin Leichtling, the school principal.

Mrs. Albert Siegel, chairman of the luncheon, and her committee are planning a delightful affair which they hope all new mothers will attend. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 promptly so that mothers can plan to leave by 2:45.

Information Wanted From Parents

Rabbi Nadich is again writing to the sons and daughters of our members who are attending colleges out of town. He would appreciate receiving from their parents the names and addresses of such university students if such information was not sent to him last year. Particularly is he anxious to receive the names and addresses of freshmen students. In order to have a complete list of our college people, Rabbi Nadich is anxious to receive also the names and addresses of our sons and daughters attending local colleges and graduate schools.

Our college students also receive the synagogue *Bulletin* regularly and are invited to the Friday evening service arranged annually in their honor during the mid-winter vacation season and to the social function held at the same time of the year.

In addition, the rabbi would appreciate receiving the names and addresses of any of our sons or daughters who are serving in the Armed Forces of our country. In addition to his correspondence, the Men's Club, through its committee headed by Mr. Nathaniel Gerber, remembers our men and women in the Armed Forces several times during the course of the year.

THE HEBREW DEPARTMENT
of the Religious School
will hold no classes
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
ELECTION DAY

SISTERHOOD NEWS

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

The next open meeting of Sisterhood which will take place on Tuesday, October 21, will have for its theme "The Role of Women in Politics."

Following luncheon, which will be served at noon. Mrs. Theodore Meistrich, chairman of the Social Action Committee, will present the guest speaker, Mrs. Elizabeth Schack.

Director of the New York City League of Women Voters, Mrs. Schack will discuss the important part that women play in the political world today. Mrs. Schack, a member of the Judiciary Committee of the State League, has written the summaries of amendments of "Facts for Voters" and has set up many practical political workshops.

Another interesting feature of the program will be a film on the Federation story, "A Matter of Living", narrated in the picture by Ralph Bellamy. At an opening meeting at her home, Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, Sisterhood chairman of the Federation Drive, explained most inspiringly the urgency of Federation's forty-first annual appeal in behalf of its 116 member hospitals and health and social service agencies. Mrs. Sanford H. Cohen has been named co-ordinator for advanced and special gifts for the Manhattan Organization, and Mrs. Marvin Spiegel and Mrs. Samuel Gellert have been designated to help in special areas.

In the list of members of the Executive Board which appeared in the recent issue of the Bulletin, the name of Mrs. Max Zahler was inadvertently omitted. A loyal and devoted worker, Mrs. Zahler has been a member of the Sisterhood Board for many years.

Have you visited Sisterhood's Gift Shop? Mrs. Charles Bennet and Mrs. Jacob Boneparth, co-chairmen, will have many interesting and unusual items for sale previous to every Sisterhood meeting. They urge you to donate your gift to this project, and in that way to help increase the receipts of Sisterhood's Offering Fund.

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Arthur Cohen Discusses "THE FREE SOCIETY"

The Fund for the Republic, a non-profit educational corporation, is issuing a series of pamphlets in connection with the Fund's study of the basic issues underlying a free society.

This task of clarification is being undertaken by a group of distinguished Americans acting as a Central Committee of Consultants to the Fund. To assist them in the consideration of religion in a democratic society, several consultants have been appointed, each an outstanding leader in his own field.

Among this special group of consultants is Arthur A. Cohen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Cohen, our devoted members. Mr. Cohen, the publisher of Meridian Books, Inc., writer of many articles on religion and philosophy, is also the author of the recent book "Martin Buber" which received such wide acclaim.

"Religion and the Free Society" is the first pamphlet to result from the efforts of these men. It includes a discussion of the theological and philosophical aspects of religion, as well as a comprehensive analysis of the Supreme Court decisions dealing with the free exercise of religion.

To Mr. Arthur A. Cohen was assigned the subject "The Problem of Pluralism." In discussing this phase of "Religion and the Free Society" Mr. Cohen points out the ever-present conflict between religion and government and the efforts of our highest court to define and resolve the exact relationship of the Church-State problem.

To those interested in this vital subject a copy of the pamphlet may be obtained on request to The Fund for the Republic, 60 East 42 Street, New York 17, N. Y.

Mrs. Grossman Honored

By IRMA HELLER

Our congregation salutes lovely Mrs. Louis Grossman, (Hattie), whose talented brush and artistic inspiration created the two magnificent portraits in honor of the co-founders of the New York Cardiac Home, Inc.

A public tribute was paid to her on October 8 at the Waldorf-Astoria. We are justly proud of our charming and energetic Hattie who serves so conscientiously as chairman of the Women's Division of UJA's Nite of Stars in November at the Madison Square Garden.

Jewish-Institute Honors Professor Guido Kisch

Professor Guido Kisch, whose wife Hilde Kisch is the Librarian of our Cohen Library, was signally honored by the Faculty and Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion at the recent opening of the new academic year.

Recognized as an authority on medieval Jewish history and law, Professor Kisch has been a member of the school's faculty for more than two decades. He also is the editor of *Historia Judaica*, dealing with the study of Jewish history, especially in the legal and social history of the Jews.

In recognition of his great contribution to this field of learning, Professor Kisch was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennet—upon the engagement of their daughter Carol Sydney to Bernard Schoenberg

Mrs. Emma Hoexter — upon her 80th birthday and upon the marriage of her grandson on September 13

Judge and Mrs. Simon Rifkind—upon the birth of their grandchild, Barbara Rifkind, and to her parents Capt. and Mrs. Richard Rifkind

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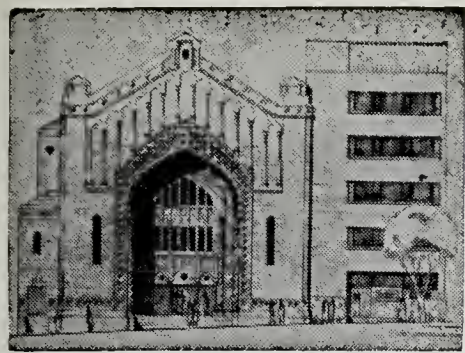
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28 Days To Go!

By DORIS ROME

WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? Why the Sisterhood Brunch and Matinee, of course!

Have you made your reservations for Wednesday, December 3, for brunch at the Astor and an orchestra seat for Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Flower Drum Song"?

Don't delay. There are only 28 days left. Join with Sisterhood in raising funds for our synagogue and community projects. Join your friends for a truly enjoyable afternoon.

Get your book of chances from Mrs. Jacob Starr (AT 9-1322) and send your \$25.00 check for your reservation to Mrs. Herman Helpen, 141 East 88th Street, New York 28, N. Y.

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, To Be Guest Speaker, At Sisterhood Sabbath Evening Service, November 7

Sisterhood will sponsor the Friday evening service on Friday, November 7, at 8:30 P. M., with an outstanding guest speaker, Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, affectionately known to many of us as Judith. Mrs. Sol E. Green, president of Sisterhood, will introduce Mrs. Epstein, who will speak on "Israel Faces the Next Decade."

Born in New York into a family which had settled in the United States in 1846. Judith Epstein while still in college became keenly interested in the aspirations of the Jewish people. As a former national president of Hadassah during the time that immediately preceded the creation of the State of Israel, she has always been a staunch advocate and supporter of Israel in her struggle for freedom.



MRS. MOSES P. EPSTEIN

Participating in the religious service, will be the following: Mrs. Samuel Gellert, Mrs. Sol E. Green, Mrs. Herman Helpen, Mrs. Arthur Morse, Mrs. Judah Nadich, Mrs. Irwin Rome, Mrs. Benjamin Sack, and Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow.

Following the service, there will be an Oneg Shabbat in the Lemberg Auditorium, to which all are invited. Mrs. Milton Heller will be in charge of hospitality.

We know you will want to join in worshipping with us on Sisterhood's Friday Evening Service. — R. M. R.

VETERANS DAY
The Religious School will not hold
classes on
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1958

DAILY MINYAN SERVICE
5:45 P.M.
Appleman Chapel
HAVE YOU ATTENDED
ANY OF OUR SERVICES?

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, November 7.....8:30 P.M.

SISTERHOOD SABBATH

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein will speak on
"Israel Faces the Next Decade"

Oneg Shabbat Tea following the service

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"The Author Meets The Jew"

- I. — In America: "The Enemy Camp" by Jerome Weidman
"Only in America" by Harry Golden
"The Magic Barrel" by Bernard Malamud

First in a series of three pulpit discourses by
Rabbi Judah Nadich in observance of Jewish Book Month

Saturday Morning, November 15.....9:30 P.M.

Friday Evening, November 21.....8:30 P.M.

"The Author Meets The Jew"

- II. — In France: "The Sons of Avrom" by Roger Ikor
"Pillar of Salt" by Albert Memmi

Saturday Morning, November 22.....9:30 P.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Willa Grauer
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Grauer

The third in the series, "The Author Meets The Jew"

- III.—In Russia: "Dr. Zhivago" by Boris Pasternak, will be given
Friday Evening, November 28

Rabbi Judah Nadich will preach on the Scriptural Portion
each Sabbath morning.

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Nadich and
Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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From The Rabbi's Desk

One of the exciting new events that has been taking place recently within the walls of the Park Avenue Synagogue has been the daily Chapel service. Since October 8 services have been held in the Appleman Chapel each day at 5:45 P.M. under the aegis of the Men's Club and its committee, headed by the energetic and capable Mr. L. Chester Glaser and Dr. Harry Neivert.

Members of the congregation and other residents of Manhattan, as well as strangers visiting New York, have made use of the opportunity to worship and to say the *kaddish* prayer. Several of the Men's Club members who have been attending regularly have commented about the meaningfulness of this religious experience in being able to spend a few minutes at the close of the business day in meditation and prayer. The brief service ends each day with a different thought-provoking inspirational reading, which has also elicited much favorable comment.

May I strongly urge those of you who have not as yet attended the daily Chapel service to give yourselves the opportunity. You may discover that this brief period of prayer and contemplation, coming at the end of a busy and tension-laden day at the office or business, will serve to clear away the cobwebs in the mind, to lift the spirit and to gather inner reinvigoration and refreshment.

It may well be that life's purposes, issues and values may be seen in a clearer light and we may learn also to develop a sense of mystery, awe and wonder that will lend appreciation for the many blessings we enjoy and make our living more meaningful.

Judah Nadich, Rabbi

From The Editor's Notebook

RABBI JUDAH NADICH DENOUNCES BOMBINGS

Nothing in recent years has aroused the outrage and indignation of the general public like the temple bombings in Atlanta and other sections of the country.

Government agencies on the federal, state and local level, have taken immediate steps to crack down and apprehend the perpetrators of these disgraceful acts. Several culprits responsible for these bombings have already been taken into custody.

Recognizing that these acts of violence are a threat to other religious denominations, the rabbis all over the city have warned of the extreme peril to all faiths and to America itself from these acts of "un-American lawlessness."

In a sermon at one of our recent Sabbath services, Rabbi Nadich, in denouncing these acts of bigotry, said:

"Such bigots and purveyors of hate are not characteristic of America. But they are not to be disregarded, for if their violence goes unchecked and their lawlessness unpunished, it will be America's unity that will be blown up and her honor besmirched before the eyes of the world."

Rabbi Nadich, in contrasting the spirit of tolerance and sympathy for the persecuted that characterized the late Pope Pius XII and the mood of bigotry and hate responsible for the recent bombings of synagogues, said:

"Pius lifted his voice in condemnation of the Nazi oppressors and in compassion for their victims. In sharp contrast is the spirit that motivates the evil-hearted who dynamited a Jewish house of worship in Atlanta last week, the temple in Peoria and the synagogues in four other Southern cities in recent months."

Rabbi Nadich was the first American Jewish Chaplain to be ordered overseas, and served as advisor on Jewish affairs to President Eisenhower during World War II. He also received a medal from the late Pope Pius XII for his services to Catholic Chaplains during that conflict.

Although the current wave of bombings has been blamed on the "publicity about the South, for bringing out the wild cranks here", it is well that all decent people, regardless of race, creed or color, and all governmental agencies

speak out now. Only by immediate condemnation of these reprehensible acts can such evils be stopped.

A COMMENDABLE SERVICE

We have much to learn from our youth. The Bulletin is proud to record a service rendered by several of the younger group of our congregational family that is worthy of great approbation.

Recently, Stanley Noah Kurzweil, who was Bar Mitzvah last September at the Park Avenue Synagogue, attended one of the daily *Minyan* services on Saturday afternoon.

The service made such a deep impression on him that Stanley voluntarily undertook to organize a group of his younger friends who would be willing to accept the responsibility of attending every Saturday afternoon *Minyan* service.

Despite the inclement weather this past Saturday, Stanley and Robert Klein and Richard Rubin, also recently Bar Mitzvah at our congregation, came to our daily *Minyan* service which is held in the Appleman Chapel. Also attending were Joel Bergmann, Gilbert Klein, Robert Tunis and Bobby Kurzweil, Stanley's younger brother.

Following the service, the boys were the guests of Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Stanley's mother, at a supper party where they continued the ceremonies for the conclusion of the Sabbath.

Yes, this is a commendable service which these youngsters are rendering and one that merits emulation by others in our congregation.

— N.R.

LAST CALL

DECEMBER 3, 1958

SISTERHOOD'S ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY

Brunch at the Sheraton Astor

Matinee Performance

"FLOWER DRUM SONG"

Do your share — Help Sisterhood
in its annual appeal

Have you paid for your Book of
Chances?

Juliette T. Benton Will Speak At Sisterhood Open Meeting, November 18

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Sisterhood has been very fortunate in securing Juliette T. Benton, well known lecturer on books and plays, for its open meeting, Tuesday, November 18. Following luncheon at noon, to which all are invited, there will be an unusually interesting program when Mrs. Benton will discuss "Provocative Books of the Year", among which will be Weidman's best seller "Enemy Camp."

For the past three years, Mrs. Benton has organized the popular Book and Author luncheons at the Harmonie Club in this city. As a member of the National Board of Hadassah for thirteen years, she has headed a speaker's bureau, and has trained classes in every major city in the United States, as well as in Puerto Rico and Canada. For the Women's League of the United Synagogue, Mrs. Benton has conducted institutes on "How to Give a Capsule Book Review" which have proved extremely popular.

Mrs. Benton is well known to the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue of which she has been a member for twenty years. Not only has she been active on the School Board and on the original adult education committee, but she has spoken from the pulpit several times. She is proud to say that her three sons were Bar Mitzvah at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Orchids to Mrs. Jacob Starr, who arranged such a delightful luncheon and reception for the wives of new Synagogue members at her home at 1095 Park Avenue, on October 16. The welcoming committee consisted of former presidents of Sisterhood, all of whom acted as hostesses.

Following a delicious luncheon, the guests were greeted by their hostess, Mrs. Jacob Starr, and by Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, chairman of the afternoon program. Mrs. Sol E. Green, Sisterhood president, outlined the purposes of Sisterhood and expressed the hope that the new members would become active in Sisterhood with mutually happy benefits.

Rabbi Nadich gave a most inspiring talk which was followed by traditional Hebrew melodies rendered by Hazzan Putterman with the usual perfection that characterizes his singing. Mr. Crook accompanied him on the piano.

The day was bright, the party was gay—everyone agreed that it was a wonderful affair, thanks to Mrs. Starr.

Again, we remind you that the gift shop, open before each meeting, is well



JULIETTE T. BENTON

stocked with many attractive items. Your donations of salable articles help swell Sisterhood's Offering Fund. May we count on your help?

Sisterhood Completes \$7,500 Gift To Synagogue

When the Board of Trustees last June undertook the obligation to do a complete alteration of the ladies and mens room adjoining the Lemberg Auditorium, Sisterhood very magnanimously agreed to contribute \$7,500 towards the expense of that undertaking.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Sol E. Green, Sisterhood president, presented a check for the balance of its obligation, completing the \$7,500 pledge Sisterhood had assumed.

All those who have seen these new rooms have been pleasantly surprised at the remarkable changes that have taken place and the beautiful decor.

Once again, our thanks to the ladies of Sisterhood for their generous contribution to the Synagogue and for their continued loyalty and devotion.

Thanks, Ladies!

Once again, the ladies of our Synagogue helped to make the Sukkot Festival more meaningful and more enjoyable for the members of our congregation.

Mrs. David Altschul, chairman of the Sukkot Committee, and her co-workers are entitled to the thanks of the entire congregation for their splendid arrangements which contributed to the pleasure of all those who participated.

The beautifully decorated Sukkah, where Kiddush was served after each of the religious services was the special handiwork of Mrs. Isidore Hahn, Mrs. Milton Heller, Mrs. Joseph Pincus and Mr. Albert Siegel. Also serving on the Sukkot Committee were Mrs. Charles Bennet, Mrs. Morton Blumenthal, Mrs. Jacob Boneparth, Mrs. Michael Borish, Mrs. Anna Edelman, Mrs. Emil Forster, Mrs. Bernard Freed, Mrs. Fannie Grater, Mrs. L. Hershey, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mrs. Harold Osserman, Mrs. Dina Rosenbusch, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, Mrs. Albert Siegel, Mrs. Samuel Wick and Mrs. Harry Zucker.

The reception on Simhat Torah for Mrs. Herman Helpert, Mr. Sol E. Green and Mr. Harry Halbren, the three congregants who were honored at the Simhat Torah services, was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg. Our special thanks to Mrs. A. Stangel, whose artistry was again displayed in the attractive decorations in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Also assisting Mrs. Ruttenberg on her committee were Mrs. David Altschul, Mrs. Harry Gunther, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mrs. Albert Siegel, Mrs. Sam Wick, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer and Mrs. Harry Zucker.

To all of them, our thanks for a job well done.

Wanted Young Peoples' Names To Join Group

The names of young people in our congregational family are being solicited by Rabbi Nadich who hopes to find a sufficient number interested in forming a new organization of young men and women of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Young women, 17 to 23, and young men, 18 to 25, who are children of members of the Park Avenue Synagogue and who would be interested in meeting with the rabbi to discuss possibilities of such an organization are asked to send their names and addresses to Rabbi Nadich at the synagogue office.

Reception To New Members

A reception and cocktail party for new members who joined the Park Avenue Synagogue during the past year will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 9, from 4 to 7 o'clock in the Sisterhood Lounge and the Lemberg Auditorium.

Invitations have been sent to each new member and, from the acceptances already received, most of them plan to be present to meet the officers of the Synagogue and the members of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council. In this way it is hoped that our new members will soon feel that they are among friends and belong to our congregational family.

The reception committee in charge of the arrangements is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg and the other members of her committee include Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, Mrs. Jacob Klein, Mrs. Benjamin Sack, Mrs. Jacob Starr and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer. Also assisting at the reception and acting as hostesses will be: Mrs. Saul Godwin, Mrs. Herman Helpert, Mrs. Samuel Lemberg and Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow.

The following is a list of families who have joined: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Abbey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Ash, Miss Rita Askenas, Dr. and Mrs. Morris Mandel Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Diamond, Mr. and Mrs. Max Drucker, Mr. and Mrs. Manny E. Duell, Dr. and Mrs. Harold B. Eiber, Mr. and Mrs. Irving N. Epstein, Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Fein, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Fishman, Dr. Ona B. Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Freedman, Mr. Irving Geist, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Gingold, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ginsberg, Dr. and Mrs. Selig Ginsberg, Mrs. Bernard Golding, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai W. Grossman, Mrs. Cecily Irene Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. James Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Milton S. Heller, Mrs. Sophie Heymann, Mrs. Louis Heyman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Hochberg, Mrs. Esther M. Hoffenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Morton J. Hornick, Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Horowitz, Mrs. Barbara Joseloff, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Klebanoff, Hon. and Mrs. Arthur G. Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Klein, Dr. Saul I.

Klemes, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Kourland, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ladin, Miss Marie L. Laufer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Lehman, Dr. and Mrs. Julius J. Leichtling, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan L. Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Levey, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Linn, Mr. and Mrs. Morris E. Lipsett, Mrs. Barbara L. Malkiel, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Mosler, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Natter, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Olshansky, Mr. and Mrs. David Oreck, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Osserman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Plehn, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Rabinowitz, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Richman, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rosner, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Rosner, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rothenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Russ, Mr. Arnold L. Sabin, Mr. Isidore Sack, Mrs. Dorothy Scharf, Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Schimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham A. Schnee, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevit, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Shlansky, Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin Stuchiner, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tuchman, Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan W. Uhr, Mrs. Mary W. Uhr, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wachter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Abbot A. Weisbord, Dr. and Mrs. Edward T. Wilkes, Mr. Melvin S. Wise, Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Zacharias, and Mrs. Estelle Zuckerman.

Eternal Light Program

For the first time this season, the television program produced by the Jewish Theological Seminary for NBC's weekly religious series, "Frontiers of Faith" will be known as THE ETERNAL LIGHT. This will unite under one title all of Seminary's broadcasting.

The programming of eight Eternal Light telecasts will begin on Sunday, November 9, and will extend through December 28 on consecutive Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:00 P.M. The "Frontiers of Faith" series, now known as THE ETERNAL LIGHT, will begin its eighth year on NBC television.

The first three scheduled Eternal Light TV shows to be presented are:

November 9—"The Broken Sabbath of Rabbi Asher" by Morton Wishengrad.

November 16—"The Red Box" by Marc Siegel.

November 23—"Bible in Song" by Theodore Bikel.

Youth Activities News

By HY SANKEL
BOY SCOUTS

Our Boy Scout Troop No. 600 under the leadership of Bruce Turner and Cy David is creating an enviable record of achievement. This summer at the Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp they won first place for all around camping.

Several days ago, eleven boys gave up their entire Sunday to cooperate in a Civil Defense Community Project. They distributed circulars to the entire neighborhood from 86th St. to 91st St. and from Fifth Avenue to Lexington Avenue.

Scouting is not all work. The troop visited the Rodeo at Madison Square Garden and had a wonderful time.

BROWNIES

New leadership has been provided for the Brownie troop. Eight girls "flew up" to Girl Scout Rank this September and their mothers who were leaders, "flew up" with them. Our program, however, was not impaired as new mothers were ready to take their place. Mrs. Sokolow and Mrs. Kourland are now functioning as leaders while receiving their training.

GIRL SCOUTS

Those of us who have visited the Milton Steinberg House recently have seen the Girl Scout Exhibit in the display cabinet. It is a Trefoil Exhibition of Girl Scouts Around the World which was the culmination of a U.N. Project which our scouts participated in under the direction of Mrs. Stanley Simon and Mrs. Beere.

CUB SCOUTS

This group which has been bursting at the seams is one of the busiest groups in the Synagogue each Friday afternoon. Under Mrs. Schone's direction, they are busy at creative crafts and Scout projects.

Each of these groups is completely full. However, members of the Synagogue who may wish to enroll their children, contact Mr. Sankel who will place them on a preferred waiting list.

TEEN AGE ACTIVITY

Our teen-age program continues to be a powerful magnet attracting boys and girls of this age group. We were forced to close registration earlier than ever before.

The role of our youth group in the United Synagogue Youth movement is one of continued leadership. Larry Loel was elected president of the Manhattan

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Rabbi Nadich Conducts Law Seminar At Synagogue

A seminar for judges and lawyers of the Park Avenue Synagogue planned by Rabbi Nadich for the study of the Code of Maimonides and Talmudic law, started on Thursday evening, October 23, 1958, in the Sisterhood Lounge of the Milton Steinberg House.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, appointed a special committee to plan this seminar, headed by Judge Bernard Botein, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department. The other members of this committee, also members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, are Judge Abraham N. Geller, Judge Samuel N. Gold, both of the Supreme Court, Hon. Nathaniel Goldstein, former Attorney General of the State of New York, and George Shapiro, former counsel to Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

The seminar will consist of a series of eight lectures, which will include the study of the Code of Maimonides and the Talmudic law with special emphasis on the qualification and training of judges, the role of judges in society, the law of evidence, the examination of witnesses and self-incrimination, all matters of present-day interest.

Invitations have been sent to all the members of the legal profession who are members of the Park Avenue Synagogue to attend this seminar. No registration fee will be charged and only those registering in advance will be admitted.

Milton Weill Donates Bible To Cohen Library

Milton Weill, an honorary member of the Board of Trustees, has presented the Cohen Library with an unusual Bible, printed in Tel Aviv, which was awarded to him as a "Golden Founder of Boys Town, Jerusalem." The Bible is encased in a decorative bronze box, bearing the following inscription to Mr. Weill:

"In recognition of his pioneering leadership in establishing an Industrial Arts Center for furthering the vocational, academic and spiritual education of the Youth of Israel."

Mrs. Kisch, our librarian, will be happy to show the Bible to you, if you wish to see it. In fact, it might be the occasion for your next visit to the Cohen Library, which is on the second floor of the Milton Steinberg House.

Federation's Appeal

"Crisis in Maintenance" is the theme of the current campaign by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York to raise its goal of \$18,000,000.

The outcome of the 1958-1959 drive for funds will determine the fate of the 116 Federation agencies, hospitals, community centers, and social service institutions. If this drive should fail, it would necessitate a drastic curtailment in many of the vital services performed by Federation's agencies and bring hardship to those who are dependent on Federation's help.

This is a sad picture that confronts Federation and the entire community. The seriousness of such a situation was the subject of many pulpit sermons last Saturday, designated as Federation Sabbath by the New York Board of Rabbis.

Rabbi Nadich, in his sermon last Saturday at our Synagogue, pointed out that "caring for one's fellow in need has been a primary characteristic of the Jew from the days of the first Jew, Abraham, who set the pattern for his descendants, to the present."

In pointing out that giving is a "two-way street", Rabbi Nadich said: "Giving to Federation is a two-way passage. For not only does such giving constitute an opportunity for the giver to become a better person and thus gain self-acceptance, but tangible benefits accrue to him personally. The community and environment of the donor becomes healthier, finer, happier and stronger because of the giving."

Again this year, the women of Manhattan are working tirelessly, together with those dedicated women all over the metropolitan area, to assure the success of one of the most critical campaigns in the history of Federation. Sisterhood of Park Avenue continues to do its part.

On Tuesday, November 25, the Manhattan Organization, of which Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow is chairman, will hold its second International Dance Festival and Luncheon at the Hotel Astor for all contributors of \$35 and over. Mrs. Samuel Gellert (TE 8-7964) and Mrs. Marvin Spiegel (TR 7-6747) are co-chairmen of Sisterhood's Federation Committee. They will be happy to furnish you with additional information, if you are interested.

Also active in the campaign is Mrs. Sanford H. Cohen, who has been designated as special co-ordinator for advanced gifts for the Manhattan Organization.

Pulpit Discourses On New Books

In observance of Jewish Book Month, Rabbi Nadich will devote three Friday evenings to a series of pulpit discourses on recent books of both general and Jewish interest. The series entitled, "The Author Meets The Jew" will concern itself with books written, all of them by Jews and expressing some point of view about Jews.

The series will be initiated on Friday evening, November 14, when Rabbi Nadich will discuss three books by American authors, "Only in America" by Harry Golden, "The Enemy Camp" by Jerome Weidman and "The Magic Barrel" by Bernard Malamud. The following Friday evening, November 21, he will discuss two novels by French-writing authors, the winner of the *Prix Goncourt*, "The Sons of Avrom" by Roger Ikor and "Pillar of Salt" by Albert Memmi. The series will close on Friday evening, November 28, with a discussion of the recent novel that has brought the Nobel Prize to its writer, "Doctor Zhivago" by Boris Pasternak, a Jewish poet and novelist living in the Soviet Union.

The greatest benefit will be obtained by attendance at the complete series of three pulpit discourses. However, each will be a separate unit by itself.

Lost and Found

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Klein, new members of our congregation, received the thanks of one of our congregants the other day for the return through the synagogue of a diamond and sapphire brooch which they found on Yom Kippur at Madison Avenue and 87th Street.

When Mr. and Mrs. Klein saw the last issue of the Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin with the announcement of the loss, they promptly called the synagogue. After the facts were checked, it developed that the jewelry they had found was precisely the piece which had been lost.

The synagogue, too, extends its thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Klein.

When you are contacted by any of the workers in this campaign, please DO YOUR SHARE so that Federation's humane service may be continued in its entirety.

— N.R.

Support Sisterhood's Annual Theatre Party

Sisterhood annually undertakes one fund raising project to provide funds for the purpose of making its contribution to the Park Avenue Synagogue.

As in former years, this event usually is a matinee brunch. On Wednesday, December 3, 1958, the brunch will be held at the Sheraton Astor Hotel and then the guests will attend a matinee performance of "Flower Drum Song," at the St. James Theatre, a new musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Now, Sisterhood is engaged in its present venture and Mrs. Solomon E. Green, president of Sisterhood, urges the support of all members of the synagogue to enable Sisterhood to fulfill its pledge of \$7,500 towards the alterations and the refurbishing of the ladies and mens room adjoining the Lemberg Auditorium.

The funds derived from these annual functions are used by Sisterhood to finance its budget and to make its several contributions to the Synagogue and many other philanthropic endeavors.

In recent years, Sisterhood has contributed \$50,000 towards the Milton Steinberg Memorial Fund and in recognition of this contribution, the Sisterhood Lounge in the Milton Steinberg House was dedicated in its honor. In addition, Sisterhood has furnished the funds for the equipment for the bride's room, the acoustical ceiling in the Lemberg Auditorium and has furnished equipment for both kitchens and supplied linens and tables which are used by the Synagogue and its affiliated groups for their several functions.

Sisterhood needs your support in its current endeavor, and asks for your help in this annual project, whether you are a member of Sisterhood or not. The purchase or sale of a \$25 book of chances entitles you to a ticket for the brunch, a seat to the musical "Flower Drum Song" and a chance to win any one of several desirable prizes; all this for \$25, with the knowledge that your contribution is helping to beautify the Park Avenue Synagogue and to help other worthy causes.

— N.R.

Adult Education Students Enjoy Interesting Courses

The adult education program began on Monday evening, October 13, with a good attendance of men and women for the various courses. Those who have not been coming as yet are invited to start next Monday night at 9:00 P.M. with the third lecture in the series on "The Library of the Bible", given by Dr. Moshe Greenberg, Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. Although the lectures by Dr. Greenberg form an integrated course, each lecture is a unit by itself and may be attended with profit.

Starting on November 17, a course by Dr. Judah Nadich will succeed the Bible course at the 9:00 o'clock hour. Rabbi Nadich will offer a series of five lectures on "The Cycle of a Jewish Lifetime", in which he will explain the origins and development, as well as the present-day significance, of many of our traditional Jewish practices, with emphasis on those centering about the peaks of the individual Jew's existence: birth, naming of children, *brit*, *bar mitzvah* and confirmation, marriage, illness and healing, and death and funeral rites. The series will be given on November 17 and 24, and December 1, 8 and 15.

In addition, four interesting courses are given from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. An exciting course in "The Living Talmud" is offered by Rabbi Samuel Schaffer, the Associate Director of the Commission on Jewish Education of the United Synagogue of America. This course offers a discussion of the contents of one of the little gems of the Talmud, "The Ethics of the Fathers". Other courses at the same hour include an elementary and an intermediate course on "Hebrew Through Pictures" a dramatic new way of teaching Hebrew to beginners and more advanced students, with the use of films, records and a popular text. Mr. Amnon Kabatchnik and Mr. Reuben R. Singer are the two eminently qualified instructors for these courses. Hazzan David J. Putterman teaches a course on "How to Read the Prayer Book", planned for those who wish to participate more fully in the synagogue services.

This latter group of courses, now taking place each Monday evening from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. preceding the lecture series, will, after the winter recess, from January 5 through March 9, meet from

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Books At A Glance

By HILDE KISCH, Librarian

Since its re-opening on September 17 the Cohen Library has again acquired a great number of interesting books in various fields. During her stay in Europe this past summer the librarian visited various Jewish libraries in Switzerland and Holland. The contrast with their situation in pre-war days and with Jewish libraries in America today is striking. For obvious reasons the number of books on Jewish subjects published in the languages of these countries is very limited. Congregational libraries, however, are faced with a special difficulty in supplying reading material for the younger children, for they are not yet able to understand the many good English and Hebrew language books that come off the printing presses in English-speaking countries and in Israel.

The following small selection of new additions to the Cohen Library during the past weeks indicates the excellent opportunities open to Jewish readers in the United States to keep informed on the progress and results of studies in the various fields of Jewish learning and to enjoy fine examples of recent literary production.

Moshe Shamir, *The King of Flesh and Blood*. London, 1958.

This first major novel by a young Israeli writer, which won the Bialik Prize, deals with one of the most interesting epochs in the history of ancient Israel—the Hasmonaeon period, which lasted from the successful uprising against Greece until the Roman conquest.

C. P. Snow, *The Conscience of the Rich*. New York, 1958.

The Marches, a great Jewish family in England, provide the fascinating material for C. P. Snow's new novel.

Herman A. Glatt, *He Spoke in Parables*. New York, 1957.

The life and works of the Dubno Maggid.

Adam Barnett, *Dr. Harry*. New York, 1958.

The story of Dr. Herman Lorber, dedicated surgeon, famous diagnostician, and a pioneer in what are now established practices.

Simon Federbush, ed., *Rashi, His Teachings and Personality*. New York, 1958.

Essays on the Occasion of the 850th Anniversary of His Death.

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J. N. Sahni To Speak On India's Foreign Policy

By HARVEY GLASSER

Men's Club is privileged to announce that J. N. Sahni, Alternate Representative of the Indian Delegation to the 13th United Nations General Assembly, will speak on India's foreign policy at Men's Club meeting Tuesday, November 25, at 8:30 P.M. in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Synagogue.

Mr. Sahni, editor of the Hindustan Times and a journalist for 30 years, is an honor graduate from the University of Michigan and holds a master's degree in journalism. He is one of the world's most distinguished newspapermen.

With the November 25 meeting, Men's Club will return to the highly successful meeting formula of last year. In addition to our honored guest speaker, Rabbi Nadich will deliver a short talk about Jewish traditions and customs, and there will be a resume of the latest Jewish news from the wires of the Jewish news agency. Mr. Sahni will also answer questions from the floor at the close of the meeting. Refreshments will be served. Your male guests and friends are welcome.

Our 11th annual Election Showcase and Political Jamboree, held on October 28, was a rousing success. Men's Club owes a deep sense of gratitude for the herculean job done by David Altschul in arranging the program and to the many candidates and speakers who took time off from their campaign trails to speak to the congregants and friends of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Chester Glaser reports that the Daily Minyan Services, sponsored and supported by Men's Club and held daily except Friday at 5:45 P.M. in the Appleman Chapel of the Synagogue have been extremely well attended and received. To make this vital project a permanent and integral part of our Synagogue life, however, requires not only the continued support of all members of Men's Club but of the entire congregation. We, of Men's Club, promise to do our part.

Anyone Have A Piano?

Does any member of our Congregation own a piano in good working condition which he no longer needs or know where we can get one?

If you do, please communicate with the Synagogue office. EN. 9-2600.

Religious School News

By MARTIN LEICHTLING, *Principal*

CAMP RAMAH

The National Office of the Ramah Camps has just informed us that the deadline for applications for the summer of 1959 from old campers is November 15, 1958.

Following November 15, each congregation will be given a quota indicating how many children it may enroll. The quota will be determined by the number of campers returning from our congregation and the number of campers we sent in past years. The school will then be called upon to determine whether or not a child's application will be considered by the camp's enrollment committee.

During the summer of 1958, five of our students—Susan Carr, Stanley Kurzweil, Karen and Sandy Shapiro and Jonathan Stowe—had a most exciting experience at Camp Ramah. In addition to all of the customary camp activities, they spoke Hebrew, studied Hebrew and developed a deeper understanding and appreciation of our cultural heritage.

The Ramah Camps in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and California are operated by United Synagogue of America in cooperation with the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Parents of old campers at Camp Ramah and those who may be considering Ramah for their children for the first time are urged to consult with Mr. Leichtling immediately so that the applications may be processed quickly and none of our children be denied admission.

Books At A Glance

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Sheldon H. Blank, *Prophetic Faith in Isaiah*. New York, 1958.

A fresh interpretation of the ageless message of the prophet Isaiah.

Robert H. Pfeiffer, *Introduction to the Old Testament*. New York, 1948.

Combines a study of the history and literature of the Jewish Bible with a discussion of the canon, texts and versions, and a critical analysis of the individual books.

Harry Ellis, *Israel and the Middle East*. New York, 1957.

According to Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban, this is "A painstaking and honest attempt to examine a very complex problem."

Dr. Milton Helpern Honored By C.C.N.Y.

Dr. Milton Helpern, a member of our Board of Trustees, will be honored at the 78th annual dinner of the Alumni Association of the City College of New York, with the Townsend Harris Medal Award.

This will be the 25th year in which these awards have been made to distinguished alumni who have achieved distinction in their chosen fields. Dr. Helpern, of the class of 1922, has been selected for this great honor for his outstanding contribution in the field of legal medicine.

Last year, Dr. Helpern was honored with an award by the Law Science Institute and Foundation for his pioneering in the establishment of a more scientific method in the medical examiner system. At the present time, Dr. Helpern is serving as Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York, a post he has occupied for the past decade.

We are proud to join with his fellow alumni in extending our congratulations to one of our fellow congregants.

Dr. Wilkes Author Of Book On Teenage Health

Dr. Edward T. Wilkes, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, has recently written a book "Family Guide to Teenage Health", which has been published by Ronald Press.

A pediatricist pioneering in the adolescent field, Dr. Wilkes has written the first book to be published as a guide to laymen on health problems that arise during infancy, childhood and the adolescent period.

Dr. Wilkes is Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at New York University Medical College and Associate Attending Pediatricist at the University Hospital. He has lectured extensively before parent-teacher and other community groups on adolescent problems and sex education and has written several books and numerous articles on these subjects.

L. P. Rushbrook Williams, *The State of Israel*. New York, 1957.

Provides a vivid picture of the country, its achievements and failures, its politics and political personalities.

The librarian invites all adult members and children of the Park Avenue Synagogue to take advantage of the facilities of the Cohen Library.

Parents Ass'n News

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

The annual Book Fair, which again this year will be sponsored by the Parents Association, will begin Sunday morning, November 16 from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon, and will continue through the entire week, concluding on Sunday noon, November 23.

The Fair, held during Jewish Book Month, will give many readers a fine opportunity to become acquainted with classic Jewish books as well as modern books dealing with Jewish life and thought.

Mrs. Leon Klein, chairman of this project, promises to have available many fine record albums of Jewish music. On display, too, will be many attractive items which will make perfect Hanukkah gifts.

Plan to shop at the Book Fair for the gift that will bring joy to the recipient.

MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON

On October 27, the Parents Association greeted mothers of children entering the Religious School for the first time, with a luncheon in the Sisterhood lounge.

Those who attended had the opportunity of hearing Rabbi Nadich, Hazzan Putterman and Martin Leichtling, the school principal, speak on the various phases of religious education and the importance of creating the proper family attitude in the home.

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, president of the group, urged the mothers to take an active part in the Parents Association which serves as a liaison between the teachers and the pupils of the religious school.

Our thanks to Mrs. Albert Siegel, chairman, and her committee: Mrs. Bernard Freed, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg and Mrs. Samuel Wick, for a delightful luncheon and an inspiring afternoon.

Mrs. A. Stangcl, chairman of decorations, as usual, displayed her artistic creativity in the beautiful setting she arranged for the luncheon, including a charming Sabbath table and Sabbath lights, which were used by Hazzan Putterman to teach the ladies the blessings for the kindling of the lights and the Kiddush.

NOVEMBER 19th MEETING

The first open meeting of the Parents Association will be held on Wednesday evening, November 19, at 8 o'clock in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Adult Education Courses

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8:10 to 9:30 P.M. This means that although new students will have missed several Monday evenings in these classes, they still will have the advantage of sixteen more sessions.

The 9:00 o'clock lecture series and all other courses are open to the entire community and all are welcome. For persons who are not members of the Park Avenue Synagogue there is a nominal charge for the courses.

Make use of your Monday evenings profitably by adding to your Jewish knowledge.

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TV Sets Contributed By Joseph E. Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cohen, members of our congregation, recently contributed two TV sets to the synagogue, which we are certain will be of great help to our Youth Program.

On this occasion, parents will have an opportunity to meet the teachers of the Religious School and to hold individual conferences with their child's instructor.

Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the school, will discuss the aspects of Jewish education and the progress which has been made in the curriculum now used in religious schools.

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, president of Parents Association, will welcome the guests and will outline the purpose and aims of our group and the need for such an organization in the establishment of a more understanding relationship between the parents and the school.

A social hour and refreshments will follow.

Youth Activities

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Bronx Council and Mike Gelfand 1st vice-president. Seven of our members will represent us at the Regional Kinus Katan to be held November 2. Seminars and workshops in program techniques as well as Sihot in prayer will make up the agenda.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cohen — upon the birth of a grandson

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davidson — upon the birth of a granddaughter, Beth Davidson

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Haft — upon the birth of a grandson

Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Hahn — upon the birth of a grandson

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Glasser — upon the birth of a son

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Joffe — upon the marriage of their son, Martin L. Joffe to Zerline Hess

Abraham L. Liebovitz — upon his 80th Birthday — October 25

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Kulkin — upon the birth of a grandson, Peter Maxwell Kulkin

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Martin — upon the marriage of their son, Robert Martin, to Norma Kaplan

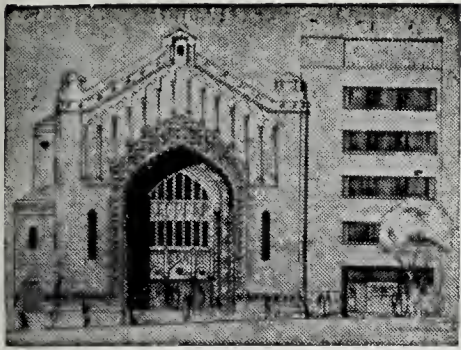
Condolences

Dr. Ira Fink — death of his sister, Bertha F. Lamchen

Lewis Gruber — death of his brother, Benjamin B. Gruber

Gustave Nathan — death of his mother, Jessie Nathan

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Annual Youth Service To Take Place On Friday Evening, December 5

The Friday evening service of December 5 will be designated as the Annual Youth Service and a number of the young people will participate in the reading of the prayers. Following the service an Oneg Shabbat tea and discussion will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium. Here, too, the young people will participate in the discussion.

The service will be dedicated to the memory of Mr. Hyman Sankel, the Youth Director of the congregation, whose recent tragic passing was so great a blow.

The young people who will take part in the program of the evening are the following: Don Bachman, Tomi Deutsch, Judy Goldstone, Elisa Kaufman, Jeffrey

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Hanukkah Party To Be Held At Synagogue, Sunday Evening, December 7

Hanukkah this year will be marked with a gala celebration taking place in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Park Avenue Synagogue on Sunday evening, December 7, at 8:00 P.M.. Mrs. Abraham Stangel has been appointed chairman of the Han-



Soocha Renay

ukkah Committee by Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees. The other members of the congregation who are serving on the Hanukkah Committee are: Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, who will be special hostess, Mrs. Mack Feiber, Dr. Alexander Forster, Emil Forster, who will act as master of ceremonies, L. Chester Glaser, Mrs. Bernard Fread, Mrs. Harry Grunther, Julian Jacobs, Mrs. Julius Leichtling, Nelson Ruttenberg and Mrs. Albert Siegel.

Soocha Renay will be the feature of the entertainment for the Hanukkah celebration. Miss Renay has received rave notices for her singing and entertaining. *Variety* gave high praise to her work in a St. Louis club this past summer, and in October of this year she made a tremendous hit in Dallas. Miss Renay sings in many languages and is entertaining in all of them.

The program for the evening will start promptly at 8:00 P.M. It will also offer some special entertainment prepared by Mrs. Regina Stangel entitled "The Living Menorah", based on a script written by Dore Schary, in which members of our congregation will participate.

Hazzan David J. Putterman will officiate at the lighting of the Hanukkah candles.

And, lest we forget, there will also be delicacies served in the spirit of the season!

S.R.K.

Schedule of Religious Services

- Friday Evening, November 288:30 P.M.
Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on
"The Author Meets The Jew"
In Russia: "Dr. Zhivago" by Boris Pasternak
- Saturday Morning, November 299:30 A.M.
- Friday Evening, December 5.....8:30 P.M.
Annual Youth Service
Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on
"Is Judaism Old-Fashioned?"
Oneg Shabbat Tea Following the service
- Saturday Morning, December 69:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Paul Stowe
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stowe
- Friday Evening, December 12.....8:30 P.M.
Justice Philip Halpern will speak on
"The Tenth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration
of Human Rights"
- Saturday Morning, December 139:30 A.M.
Rabbi Judah Nadich will preach on the Scriptural Portion
each Sabbath morning.

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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We Mourn Our Loss

The sudden death of Mr. Hyman Sankel our Youth Activities Director, is a tragic loss for us all. As the professional head of our program of youth activities almost from its inception, he helped bring it to the point where it attracts hundreds of teenagers each week and serves as an example for other congregations.

He is an idealist who, because he loved children and young people, was completely devoted to the work he was doing. At the principal of a public school in the Bronx, he won the esteem and affection of both teachers and students while, at the same time, progressively raising the education level of his institution. As Director of summer camps and, in recent years, various projects for the American Jewish Society for Service, he inspired the young people of various religious, racial and geographical origins to work together in harmony for the common good. In his work at the Park Avenue Synagogue, he sensed the reward of great satisfaction in the influence he exerted upon the lives of so many boys and girls.

He was filled with enthusiasm about the potentialities of the child and adolescent. He knew that the infusion of Jewish teaching into the program of training young people was indispensable for the strength and well-being.

The youth program at the Park Avenue Synagogue continues under able leadership, influenced by his initial direction. May his family be comforted and may his memory be for a blessing.

Judah Nadich, Rabbi

A Tribute From a Co-worker

How does one equate the worth of another and sit in judgment of his merits, as a contemporary? This has been a difficult matter to resolve in the consci-

ence of many individuals. Sometimes we who are not elected as Shmittim realize the difficulties and evade the issue by candidly admitting a layman's inability to so evaluate peers.

For those who knew and worked with Hy Sankel this was never a real problem. Hy was too distinctive a human being for the criteria of such judgment not to be thrust upon those about him. Yes, he was decidedly human and, therefore, never achieved that perfection that is in truth beyond our ken. But he strove with himself and sought to pass on this desire to all of us. In so doing Hy Sankel became a rich man—rich in the joys that life could offer.

We who participated in his efforts to continue to build and strengthen a comprehensive youth program at the Park Avenue Synagogue—on the Scout level, on the teen-age United Synagogue Youth level—remember a man. A man who never lost contact with the younger people seeking to establish their own places and their own ways. He was a father to his own children. He was a guide to the child of a stranger and took him in.

Directing a synagogue youth program is not a simple task. Trying to create an atmosphere where young people would be proud to seek further identity with their Jewish heritage is not a facile task. Wherever Hy Sankel shared with his brothers in the creation of new and better worlds he did not seek the way of least resistance because it was an "easy out". To overcome obstacles and know that the work has been done, this was his measure. Perhaps this is what dimmed his bright star but it is the merit of the man that when it shone it was first magnitude.

We will try to share the personal grief of his family. We will try to build all that Hy Sankel would have wanted a strong youth program to accomplish. We will miss the guidance of that star.

Jerry Goodman

LAST CALL

There's still time to make history!
DECEMBER 3 — Brunch and Matinee
"FLOWER DRUM SONG"

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Support this Sisterhood Function!
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Jewish Book Month

By HILDE KISCH, Librarian

In honor of Jewish Book Month, now being observed all over the country, it is fitting to call briefly to mind a few facts about the development of Jewish book production.

When the art of printing was invented in the middle of the 15th century the Latin Bible was the first book to be published, and it has remained a continual best seller in all languages including Hebrew up to our day. In 1475, perhaps even earlier, Rashi's commentary on the Pentateuch was the first work to come off the Hebrew printing press. The first complete edition of the Talmud, a splendid specimen of the Italian printers' art, appeared in Venice as early as 1521/22. These books were widely circulated in all countries inhabited by Jews. Moralizing literature and books for the edification of women, frequently reprinted, also had a large reading public. All this occurred when the Jews were still living a secluded life of their own, as a rule in their ghetto dwellings.

After the gates of the ghettos were thrown open and the Jews came into intellectual contact with the world beyond, other series of great books were added to the traditional ones. New classics came into being, for instance, Gratz's *History of the Jews*. Jewish fiction, too, developed rapidly, and Jewish encyclopedias made knowledge of Jews and Judaism easily accessible to Jews and non-Jews alike. The producers of Jewish books did not lag behind the general trend of esthetic book design, and the outer appearance of Jewish books was artistically beautiful.

The Cohen Library, in keeping with the purpose of Jewish Book Month, is also trying to stimulate interest in Jewish books. It has arranged a display of good reading material and Book-Month posters drawn by children of the Religious School. Its permanent additions of many interesting, recent publications are waiting to be made companions and cherished friends.

Youth Sabbath Service

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Mehlman, Karen Shapiro, Joel Siegel, Mark Siegel.

The Youth Committee is headed by Mrs. Herman Helpern.

Human Rights Day To Be Observed At Friday Eve Service, Dec. 12; Justice Halpern, Speaker

The United Nations and all of the countries belonging to it will observe the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10. This date has already been observed during the past decade as Human Rights Day in many countries.

The Park Avenue Synagogue will take notice of this important new date in world history on Friday evening, December 12, when Justice Philip Halpern of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York will address the congregation.

He is the United States member of the UN Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and has served as such since 1954. He was principal adviser on the U.S. Delegation to the Commission on Human Rights from 1953 to 1956.

His service on the bench of New York State dates back to 1948, at which time he resigned as dean of the University of Buffalo Law School, where he had been a member of the faculty for eighteen years. Before becoming a member of the judiciary he served four years as counsel to the Public Service Commission of the State of New York. In 1938 he was elected a delegate to the convention that rewrote the state's constitution. Earlier, he served as a consultant to the New York State Judicial Council and as counsel for the Committee on Practice and Evidence of the New York State Commission on the Administration of Justice. During World War II he was a member of the Enemy Alien Hearing Board for the Western District of New York and a referee for the National War Labor Board.

He has been active in the Jewish community of Buffalo and is a member of the national board of directors of the American Jewish Committee, National Jewish Welfare Board and the Joint Defense Appeal.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards from the University of Buffalo, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Buffalo Council on World Affairs, the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity and others.



Mr. Justice Philip Halpern

Hanukkah Exhibit

As part of its observance of Hanukkah, the Park Avenue Synagogue has on exhibit a silver Hanukkah lamp made in Peru and several 18th century prayer book bindings. They may be seen in the lobby of the Milton Steinberg House of the synagogue. The exhibit is a loan from the Jewish Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The Hanukkah lamp was made by an 18th century Peruvian silversmith from an older Austrian design. The oil spouts are apparently fashioned as armadillo heads, an interesting addition to the traditional lion of Judah on the lamp.

One of the prayer books is bound in petit point, the others in silver. From Livorno (Leghorn), Italy, is a silver binding made for one of the Massari, the Jewish community heads of the city. It passed into the hands of Sabato Morais, founder of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who himself came from Livorno.

The exhibit will continue on display through December 15, the end of Hanukkah.

Sisterhood Activities

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Wednesday, December 3, 1958—this is a red letter day on Sisterhood's calendar.

This is the day of Sisterhood's brunch and theatre party, an annual event to which we all look forward, and this year especially so, because the play is the smash hit, "Flower Drum Song," the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, acclaimed by the critics as a four-star production. Its out-of-town performances have brought rave notices from the critics, and the Wall Street Journal predicts that it will be "the season's biggest hit."

You still have the opportunity to join in the fun. Don't miss this last chance to spend a wonderful time with all your friends.

Sisterhood Sabbath

Sisterhood Sabbath, which was observed on Friday evening, November 7, attracted many congregants and their friends. Mrs. Sol E. Green, Sisterhood president, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, who delivered an inspiring address on "Israel Faces the Next Decade."

Mrs. Epstein outlined the miraculous progress made by the State of Israel since its creation in 1948, and the problems which Israel faces in the years ahead.

Participating in the religious service were: Mrs. Samuel Gellert, Mrs. Herman Helpert, Mrs. Arthur Morse, Mrs. Judah Nadich, Mrs. Irwin Rome, Mrs. Ben Sack, Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow and Mrs. Jacob Starr.

Mrs. Milton Heller, assisted by a committee of Sisterhood members, was in charge of refreshments at the Oneg Shabbat that followed the service.

Jewish Book Month

Sisterhood celebrated Jewish Book Month at its open meeting, Tuesday, November 18. Mrs. Juliette T. Benton, well known lecturer, spoke on "Provocative Books of the Year," among them she discussed Weidman's "Enemy Camp."

Reserve This Date

Be sure to reserve Sunday evening, January 18, 1959. This will be Sisterhood's dinner meeting to which members of Sisterhood and their husbands will be invited. An enjoyable program has been planned.

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Men's Club Hears Talk On India's Foreign Policy

By HARVEY GLASSER

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Mr. Sahni, who has represented India at the UN for the last two years, has actively participated in the public and political life of India for the past thirty years.

With such a background, our guest speaker was particularly qualified to discuss his subject and the net result was that we all came away much better informed and with a greater understanding of the problems of India.

Men's Club's December meeting is now in the process of being organized. Due to some unforeseen difficulties, the speaker originally selected cannot attend and a substitute program is being arranged. Our Program Committee co-chairmen, David Altschul and Dr. Herbert Felner, assure us that the new program will be every bit as interesting and delightful. Watch for details of this meeting by separate mailings.

Mr. and Mrs. Club Plans Hanukkah Program

By MRS. JEROME S. MITTELMAN

The next scheduled meeting of the Mr. and Mrs. Club has been planned for the evening of Wednesday, December 10, at 8:30 P.M. Rabbi Judah Nadich will discuss "Basic Judaism", book written by our late Rabbi Milton Steinberg.

Rabbi Nadich has suggested that it would be interesting to read the book before the evening of the discussion. It is available for circulation and sale in the Cohen Library in the Milton Steinberg House. Hazzan David J. Putterman will also participate in the program.

All members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend and join in the evening's activity. Club hostesses will serve traditional Hanukkah refreshments to conclude the meeting with a social period.

Israel Science Offers Help To Middle East

By MORRIS M. COHN, Sc.D.

If the Arab nations look with envy at Israel's progress and fear it is a threat to their economic survival, Israel has disclaimed any such aims by offering the whole Middle East its scientific know-how and technical facilities. This was the theme of the Conference on Science and Technology for the Peaceful Development of Israel and the Middle East, sponsored by the American Technion Society, recently held at the Hotel Statler.

Technion expressed the belief that research developments of the Israel Institute of Technology can help solve the economic and social problems of the troubled Middle East. To make this possible, an array of technical and industrial leaders described new developments in atomic and solar power utilization, soil and water conservation, chemical and industrial production, transportation and urban growth. Five hundred scientists and businessmen attended the two-day conference.

It was pointed out that technological methods used in the development of Israel agriculture, industry and urbanization are equally applicable to other Middle East countries which suffer from deficiency of water, denuded soils, lack of fossil fuels and power, and shortage of other natural resources. Technion expressed the hope that by mutually needed scientific projects all nations could achieve the blessings of plenty.

All Jews, worldwide, have reason to be proud of Israel's progress, based on studies in its great university laboratories and its pilot field projects. Technion's Middle East conference proved Israel's unselfish desire to help ease international tensions through international technology.

(P.S. Dr. Morris M. Cohn, our latest contributor to the columns of the Bulletin, is one of the new members of our synagogue. Prior to coming to New York, he was City Manager of the City of Schenectady for several years. At present, he is a research consultant for the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Industrial and Labor Conditions and the Committee on Natural Resources. He is also editorial director of "Water Works Engineering", an engineering publication, and holds the degree of Doctor of Science.)

Guild For Jewish Blind

Mrs. Edward Peiper, past president of our Sisterhood, tells us about the 24th annual Thanksgiving Eve Dinner and Dance of the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind. Mrs. Peiper is secretary of the Guild's Women's Division and chairman of its membership committee.

Sisterhood's Offering Fund makes substantial contributions to the Guild for the Jewish Blind to aid in its many services. The Offering fund channels gifts made by Sisterhood members to honor their dear ones on occasions both of joy and sorrow like birthdays or Yahrzeits. The program for Sisterhood's meeting in January will include a film on the work of the blind.

Jewish Day For The Blind

The annual Sale for the Blind which is arranged by the New York State Commission for the Blind starts this year on December 1 and will run for three weeks. It includes articles made by the blind, useful for gifts and the home, and some beautiful items. Jewish Day of the Sale for the Blind will be on December 17.

Samuel B. Rose Painting Presented To Synagogue

Samuel B. Rose, the well-known artist presented the Park Avenue Synagogue with the fine painting, "Mu-af Interlude", that adorns one of the walls of the Sisterhood Lounge of the Milton Steinberg House.

Judge Sanford H. Cohen and his wife, Mary, who attended an exhibition of Mr. Rose's art, were instrumental in having Mr. Rose make this donation to our Synagogue. To both of them and to Mr. Rose, we are deeply grateful.

A "Yad" Presented To Synagogue

A silver engraved "Yad" or Torah pointer was recently presented to the Park Avenue Synagogue in honor of Abraham Liebovitz, a member of our congregation, and his late wife, Hannah.

The presentation was made by their grandchildren, Bill, Nancy and Stuart Nightingale, Ed and Nancy Moldover, Susan and Alice Helpert, and their great grandchild, Vicki Hannah Nightingale, on the occasion of the 80th birthday of their grandfather, Abraham Liebovitz.

Religious School News

By MARTIN LEICHTLING, *Principal*
Student Art Exhibited

The Primary Department students under the guidance of our art teacher, Mrs. Gertrude Holz, last year prepared a mosaic panel on the story of Ruth which was exhibited at The Jewish Museum.

During the summer our panel was loaned to the University of Michigan where it was seen by hundreds of people who visited a special exhibit of children's art on Bible themes. When the summer came to an end, the panel was placed on exhibition at the main office of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies where it has been admired by hundreds of people who are interested in the work of Federation.

The mosaic panel will be back home shortly and on display in the School Office.

Thanksgiving Day

The Religious School will not be in session on Thursday, November 27.

Regular classes and Junior Congregation services will be resumed on Saturday, November 29.

Report Cards

Report cards will be distributed to the students in the Hebrew Department on December 8 and 9.

Parents are asked to sign the report cards and return them to the school on December 10 and 11. This will also give parents an opportunity to discuss with their children their achievement in the school and, particularly, to discuss the personal comments of the teacher which appear on the card.

Hanukkah Parties

Students, teachers and class mothers are planning a series of Hanukkah parties for the Religious School.

The entire week of Hanukkah will be a week of festivity for our students. The Hanukkah candles will be lighted in each of the classes; refreshments will be served; gifts will be exchanged; holiday songs and games will be played—and a good time will be had by all.

Brownies New Leaders

The Brownie Troop has been most fortunate in securing additional leaders for its group. Mrs. S. Greenwald and Mrs. Zelda Levine, in addition to Mrs. Sokolow and Mrs. Kourland are now functioning as leaders for the Brownies.

New Members Party

Each year the Trustees undertake a major event for the families who have newly joined the synagogue. The Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council are hosts to our new members.

This year, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg was chairman of the committee entrusted with this very important responsibility. Everyone who attended will confirm the fact that it was among the best arranged parties the synagogue has ever had. It represented a great deal of work and diligent effort and our thanks go to Rhea and her entire committee of wonderful ladies for a job well done.

In addition to Mrs. Ruttenberg, as chairman, the committee consisted of Mrs. Milton Helpert, Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, Mrs. Jacob Klein, Mrs. Benjamin Sack, Mrs. Jacob Starr and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

J.H.K.

Youth Activities

On Sunday, November 2, the Park Avenue Synagogue was host to a group of youngsters from the Confirmation Classes of the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lexington Avenue and 88th Street.

The group was under the guidance of Vicar James Larson and was conducted on a one-hour tour of our synagogue and of the Milton Steinberg House by Jerry Goodman of the Youth Activities Division. Our synagogue was one of three mid-Manhattan centers visited.

Part of the tour included brief explanations of Jewish religious ritual and symbolism and of Jewish holidays. Certain common heritages as well as fundamental differences were discussed.

Our study group has expressed an interest in a reciprocal project. In the interest of better community understanding and an appreciation of America's Judeo-Christian heritage, such a trip will be conducted in mid-January.

Stangels Donate Tablet

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Stangel have made a contribution to the Park Avenue Synagogue for a memorial tablet in memory of Jacob Stangel, father of Mr. Stangel. The tablet will be placed on the Memorial Plaque in the main synagogue.

This method of memorializing the memory of one's departed is another way of helping to supply the synagogue with an endowment to insure its future security.

Lighting The Hanukkah Menorah

Make every effort to create a festive atmosphere in your home. Seek to create a joyous air in your home prior to the lighting of the candles. Have your children tell YOU the story of Hanukkah, sing the Hanukkah songs with them, provide gifts for them.

How and When to Kindle the Hanukkah Lights

On Saturday evening, December 6, after sundown, light the first candle. Each night thereafter light an additional candle until all eight candles are kindled. Insert the candles from right to left as you face the Menorah. The kindling of the candles is done with the Shamash candle i.e. the one with which the others are lit.

First kindle the Shamash candle, then recite the following blessings, then light the candle(s).

1. Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam asher kidshanu bemitzvot vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Hanukkah.
 Blessed art Thou O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who sanctified us with His Commandments and commanded us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah.
2. Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam she-asa nisim la-avotenu bayamim hahem bazman hachad.
 Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in the days gone by at this season of the year.

(On the First Night Only Add the Following Benediction)

3. Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam shehecheyanu vekimanu vehigianu lazman hazeh.
 Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life and enabled us to reach this day.

Sing the Hanukkah songs together with all the members of the family. The songs may be found in most daily prayer books. Distribute Hanukkah gifts particularly among the children.

More information about Hanukkah parties, foods, decorations and games may be obtained from the school office.

Parents Ass'n Honors Martin Leichtling

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

At its first open meeting on Wednesday, November 19, the Parents Association honored Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School of the Park Avenue Synagogue. This was the tenth anniversary of his association with our Religious School.

Starting with classes in the old Vestry with its limited facilities, our Religious School has developed under Mr. Leichtling's direction and leadership and is recognized today as one of the outstanding schools in the metropolitan area. Now housed in the Milton Steinberg House, the school boasts of a primary and a Hebrew department and of an advanced high school section. The fine curriculum and the experienced teachers selected to instruct our youngsters afford them an excellent opportunity for a Jewish education.

In behalf of the Parents Association, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, president, presented Mr. Leichtling with a silver cigarette box in appreciation of his ten years of loyal and devoted service. Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue, spoke on behalf of the Board; Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the Synagogue, expressed the gratitude of the membership of the congregation; Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board, brought greetings from that group, and Hazzan David J. Putterman spoke of his personal relationship with Mr. Leichtling over the years. Rabbi Judah Nadich, who was unable to attend, sent a letter expressing his good wishes to the guest of honor.

A social hour followed the individual conferences between the teachers and the parents. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful birthday cake with its circle of ten glowing candles to symbolize the ten happy years of Mr. Leichtling's association with the Religious School and his friendly relationship with the Parents Association.

Condolences

Dr. Joseph Druss — death of his father, Harry Druss

Frank Howard — death of his father, Joseph Horowitz

Arthur Ochs — death of his brother-in-law, Milton Heinrich

Mrs. Nora Sankel — death of her husband, Hyman Sankel

Rabbi Nadich To Conclude Pulpit Discourses On Recent Books

On Friday evening, November 28 the third and concluding pulpit discourse on "The Author Meets The Jew" will be given by Rabbi Nadich at the Friday evening service. He will discuss "Dr. Zhivago" by Boris Pasternak, which won for the author the Nobel Prize, declined by him after a storm of official Communist criticism had been created in Russia.

In his earlier two Friday evening discourses on the same general theme in observance of Jewish Book Month, Rabbi Nadich discussed books that have appeared recently in the United States and in France respectively.

Adult Education Program Continues

Three more lectures remain to be given by Rabbi Nadich in the major lecture series on Monday evenings at 9:00 P.M. in his course on "The Cycle of a Jewish Lifetime". These lectures which started on November 17 will continue on December 1, 8 and 15. Men and women who have not been coming thus far are urged to take advantage of these remaining three lectures.

The various courses given at 8:00 o'clock welcome new students after consultation with the respective instructor. However, all may enter the exciting course, "The Living Talmud", taught by Rabbi Samuel Schafler. This course uses the English text of the same name by Dr. Judah Goldin.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer D. Millheiser — upon their 35th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Beck—upon the engagement of their son, George Beck, to Kara Lorberbaum

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ostriker — upon the birth of their grandson

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Pollack—upon the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Richard Roberts

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Shapiro — upon the birth of their grandsons, Peter and Jimmy Shapiro (twins)

MAFTIR, Anyone?

Would any member of our congregation like to refresh his cantillation and prepare for a *Maftir* some Shabbat?

This would seem to be an entirely appropriate question—what with the continuing daily service at 5:45 P.M., the outpouring of judges and lawyers for Rabbi Nadich's seminar on Talmudic law, the success of the Talmud class led by Rabbi Schafler in our adult education program (incidentally, the most popular of all the classes being offered this year).

A few Sabbaths ago, one from whom many of our congregants might have least expected it decided to prepare his cantillation in order to surprise his visiting father. A fairly good *Haftorah* was recited as a result and, more important, some congregants who heard it thought they might try to do the same.

If so, Cantor Abraham Friedman, who helped the "hero" of this piece, has offered his assistance to any other congregant who would like to improve his cantillation and prepare to read the *Haftorah*. Anyone interested?

S.R.K.

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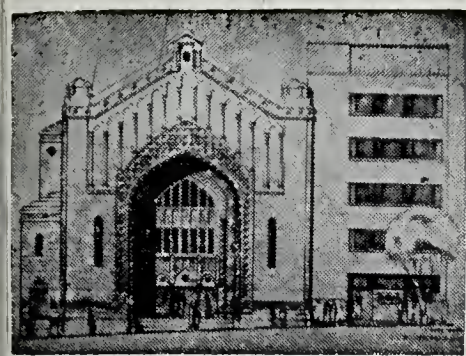
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Funeral Services For Sanford H. Cohen

After the current issue of the Bulletin had gone to press, we received the sad news of the sudden passing of Judge Sanford H. Cohen, former chairman of our Board of Trustees and one of the loyal, devoted members of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

The funeral service was held Thursday morning, December 11, 1958 in the main synagogue. Officiating was Rabbi Judah Nadich, who delivered the eulogy, Hazzan Putterman who chanted a psalm and a special prayer permitted during the Hanukkah Festival, and Hazzan Abraham Friedman. Joseph Howard Katz,

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College Students Homecoming Services To Be Held Friday Evening, January 2

Men's Club Sponsors Theatre Party

By AL SIEGEL

March 11, 1959 is a day to record in your diary, for Men's Club will sponsor a benefit performance of "RASHOMON", a new play opening at the Music Box Theatre.

After careful consideration of new plays being offered, Men's Club selected "RASHOMON" to be its "Play of the Year." The galaxy of stars that make up the cast — the powerful and compelling story — the talented supporting cast and the creative genius of the pro-

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As part of our annual College Homecoming Week, the Friday evening service, January 2, will be dedicated to the college youth of our membership. College students will again participate in the conduct of the service and the discussion to follow.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on the topic "Can You Live Without Faith?" Undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as other adult members of our congregation will find this a stimulating and provocative theme worthy of much thought. The Oneg Shabbat and Tea that will follow in the Lemberg Auditorium will allow for a discussion and question period for all to exchange ideas.

As a token of the occasion the congregation will present an important book of Jewish interest to each college student present.

The family reunion during college recess can be made more meaningful if this College Students Homecoming Service becomes a family service. We hope all our members will be at the synagogue Friday evening January 2. This service is part of the program of activities of the Youth Activities Committee headed by Mrs. Herman Helpert.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, December 19, 1958.....8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on
"Divided We Stand"

Saturday Morning, December 20, 1958.....9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Jeffrey Clyman
Son of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Clyman

Friday Evening, December 26, 1958.....8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on
"Ethics and Business—Are They Incompatible?"
Based on a recent article in Fortune Magazine
by Dr. Louis Finkelstein

Saturday Morning, December 27, 1958.....9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of David Pakter
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pakter

Friday Evening, January 2, 1959.....8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"Can You Live Without Faith?"

College Students Homecoming Service and Oneg Shabbat

Saturday Morning, January 3, 1959.....9:30 A.M.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will preach on the Scriptural Portion
each Sabbath morning.

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Nadich and
Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ

A Request To Worshipers

Worshippers who desire that the name of a beloved departed member of the family be mentioned in the prayer preceding the *kaddish* on Friday evening and in the memorial prayer on Saturday morning are urged to submit such name during the week preceding the Sabbath. The best procedure is to telephone the synagogue office, ENright 9-2600, and give the information to Miss Lazarovsky.

It is earnestly requested that such names not be given to the ushers during the services or just before the service begins. Submitting a name at such a late moment makes it impossible for the proper procedure to be carried out.

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Hanukkah - Struggle For Freedom Continues

Saturday evening, Dec. 6, synagogues over the city began the eight-day observance of Hanukkah, sometimes called the Feast of Dedication, the Festival of Lights and the Feast of Religious Freedom.

Commemorating the victory of a handful of courageous Jews under the leadership of Judah, the Maccabee, over the tyrannical Syrian King Antiochus more than two thousand years ago, Jews in their homes lighted the first candle of the Menorah and continued with an additional candle until the entire eight candles had been lighted.

Rabbis, in their Sabbath sermons, recalled the lessons of the ancient Jewish battle for freedom and human dignity and showed how they applied to contemporary problems. In his sermon at our Sabbath service, Rabbi Nadich took a firm and unequivocal stand on moral issues. "Procrastination in moral decision-making", he said, "and hesitation to affirm clearly one's position frequently leads to sorrowful results, whether the area of the moral stand be international, national or local in character."

Failure to speak out against injustice, said Rabbi Nadich, whether because of indifference or fear of being regarded as a non-conformist, made such person "an accessory to the wrong." In referring to some of the mistakes of the recent past, Rabbi Nadich remarked:

"The seventeenth anniversary of Pearl Harbor reminds us of the heavy toll exacted as a consequence of the moral blindness of the 1930's, when nations refused to take a stand to stop Hitler and Mussolini. As long as it was only German Jews or the Ethiopians who were the victims, the other peoples were not overly concerned."

Discussing the segregation problem facing the South which finally erupted in

the wave of bombings of schools and synagogues, Rabbi Nadich aptly remarked:

"More recently there are those who would advise that the question of integration of colored Americans is a matter to be dealt with by each state within its borders, that others should take no position, particularly if they themselves be members of a minority group."

Such people, too, he said, are only repeating the errors of past history. Let us be thankful that there were brave men led by the Maccabees who possessed the courage to fight to maintain the moral issues and ethical conduct which are such an essential part of Judaism. If they had procrastinated or stood silently by, religion as the world knows it today might never have survived. That is why the Festival of Lights and the Festival of Religious Freedom should also be a Festival of Dedication for all of us; a dedication to the principles of our faith and of our determination to maintain them.

—N.R.

DAILY MINYAN SERVICE

5:45 P.M.

Appleman Chapel

Take Time Out to Pray

Rabbi Nadich Joins In Post Office Dedication

The new Gracie Post Office located at 229 East Eighty-fifth Street was officially dedicated at ceremonies recently held at the new building. Robert K. Christenberry, acting Postmaster of New York, presided.

Rabbi Judah Nadich, who had been invited to participate in the ceremonies, pronounced the blessing at the conclusion of the services.

The original Gracie Station was located at 1529 Third Avenue from 1875 to 1905, at which time it moved to 204 East 38th Street. In 1926, it moved to 211 East 87th Street, where it was located for the past 32 years until it was transferred to the new building on Eighty-Fifth Street. The new station will continue to serve residences in Zone 28 which includes the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Annual Youth Service

By JERRY GOODMAN

The annual Friday night service conducted by members of our Youth Activities Division again drew hundreds of persons to the Park Avenue Synagogue to join in worship on Friday, December 5.

A near capacity attendance was noted with about 120 teenagers and large delegations from the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts at the service. It was especially rewarding to see so many family units in our synagogue and it is hoped this will be a feature of our Youth Service.

Held under the auspices of the youth activities committee in memory of the late Hyman Sankel, whose untimely death deprived us of a dynamic and energetic youth director, the service was all that Mr. Sankel would have hoped for. Mrs. Herman Helpert, chairman of the youth activities committee, spoke from the pulpit, emphasizing Hy Sankel's role in the development of a total youth program from its inception several years ago and the tasks that lay ahead.

The theme of the sermon by Rabbi Judah Nadich, "Is Judaism Old-Fashioned?" was continued by a panel of four teenagers who conducted a discussion in the Lemberg Auditorium at the Oneg Shabbat. Participating in the panel discussion were John Stangel, moderator, and Phyllis Brody, Jane Jacob and Bruce Kogan, with the welcome assistance of Rabbi Nadich. All in attendance agreed in applauding the clarity of thought and the wealth of ideas expressed.

Participants in the religious service included Joel Siegel and Jeffrey Mehlman as the cantors and Don Bachman, Tomi Deutsch, Elisa Kaufman, Karen Shapiro and Mark Siegel. All were under the guidance of Hazzan Putterman during their many rehearsals. Pascal Kaplan and Laura Seidler delivered the Scout Oaths in English and Hebrew, respectively.

Bar Mitzvah Class

Rabbi Judah Nadich will meet the boys and girls of the Bar Mitzvah class in room 501 of the Milton Steinberg House on Wednesday, January 7 and January 14, at 5:10 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will discuss with the class the history and the significance of the Bar Mitzvah ceremony and some of the basic tenets of Judaism.

We Mourn The Loss of Judge Sanford H. Cohen, Devoted Member Of Our Synagogue and Former Chairman of Our Board of Trustees

The current newspaper strike has interfered with the distribution of newspapers in the metropolitan area and many of our members have thereby been deprived of reading the following newspaper story that appeared in the issue of the NEW YORK TIMES, December 10, 1958, concerning the sudden death of Hon. Sanford H. Cohen.

We are, therefore, re-publishing the article in its entirety as part of our official BULLETIN.

SANFORD H. COHEN, EX-CITY JUSTICE, 70

Law Firm Member Here
Dies—Had Been Active
in Prohibition Cases

Former City Court Justice Sanford H. Cohen, of 1111 Park Avenue, a member of the law firm of Buchwald, Nadel, Cohen & Hoffman, died yesterday afternoon, apparently of a heart attack, in the office building at 14 Vesey Street. He had gone there to attend a meeting of the New York County Lawyers Association. His age was 70.

Mr. Cohen was appointed to the City Court, New York County branch, by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey on Dec. 29, 1954. The appointment was made to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Frank A. Carlin. Justice Cohen served until the end of 1955.

Mr. Cohen served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York in the early Nineteen Twenties. He was in charge of injunction proceedings through which, at that time the Federal Prohibition Director hoped to close night resorts in the city that were violating the Volstead Act.

During the Nineteen Thirties, Mr. Cohen, after having returned to private practice, was the lawyer for many Prohibition case defendants. Among his clients was the old Phoenix Cereal Beverage Company at Tenth Avenue and Twenty-sixth Street, which had been in many jousts with the law over the matter of its alleged beer.

Mr. Cohen, who was born in this city, attended the New York Law School and started his law practice in 1911. He served as lawyer for the Bulova Watch Company.

He was a director of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, beginning in 1932, and had been a member of the New York County Republican Committee since 1912. He also belonged to the Jewish Welfare Board.

Mr. Cohen was a former chairman of the board of trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue and a former vice chairman of the Manhattan division of Jewish Philanthropies. He served with Selective Service in World War II.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Richman

Cohen; two sons, Leslie B. and Arthur S. Cohen; two brothers, George and Milton; a sister, Mrs. Sophie Judkin, and six grandchildren.

Eulogy By Rabbi Nadich

From the book of Daniel: "And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." To which the rabbis of the Talmud added this interpretation: *Zeh Dayan shedan din emet l'amito*. This verse from Daniel refers to "the judge who judges a judgment of truth to his fellowman."



Hon. Sanford H. Cohen

Justice and truth were the key words to the character of Sanford H. Cohen. They were the goals to which he dedicated his life—justice and truth. And he sought to embody them within himself even as he labored constantly to spread them within the society and the community in which he lived.

He was a person who stood foursquare for integrity constantly. He could not abide a falsehood. Nor could he have any patience for evil. He was a man who lost his temper but rarely, but when he did, it was because of a word or a deed that frustrated justice or truth. He was a person who could stand forthrightly for that in which he believed. When it came to a question of battling for the right, he could not be intimidated nor could he be dissuaded or swerved from his purpose.

A man of integrity himself always, he looked for it in others; he searched for

it in society. And with it all, he was a man of simplicity, a man who lacked any measure of ostentation.

Because he cherished these virtues, he constantly appreciated them in others, regardless of whether those others were with him in party or not, and of course regardless of faith or of creed; hence, his many friends in political parties of every view among people of all races and of all faiths.

And yet, in spite of his firmness and determination in fighting for the right, he could be a man tender and gentle, kind and sympathetic. As tradition says of God Himself: the God who is the righteous judge, yet exercises not only *midat hadin* but also the *midat hara-hamim*. Not only does God rule with justice, but also with mercy. Sanford Cohen emulated the Divine in that regard.

I heard only yesterday of a case in which he had participated as a prosecuting attorney where, after he had successfully completed the case and the verdict had been in his favor, the defense counsel for the convicted men pleaded that they had wives and large families, Sanford Cohen, the prosecuting attorney, interceded with the judge in order that sentence might be softened. *Midat hara-hamim*—the quality of mercy, tempering the quality of justice.

And he sought to do all that he could within his lifetime to perpetuate justice and mercy and truth in the community in which he lived and in the country that he loved. And so, during his career as a member of the bar, as a federal prosecuting attorney, as a judge of the City Court, as a member of the Selective Service Board in the Second World War, as a member of the New York County Republican Committee for almost half a century, he bent every effort to help embody these virtues within the fabric of his society.

He had love for his country; he had love also for his faith. He felt a warm glow within him and a quiet pride for being Jewish.

The Chairman of the Board has already spoken of Judge Cohen's service to this synagogue. In Westminster Abbey, where Christopher Wren, the architect of the Abbey, is buried, there are

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inscribed over his grave these words: "Si monumentum requieris, circumspecte"—"If you seek his monument, look about you." For Sanford Cohen, one of the distinguished lay leaders in the history of this congregation, it can be said equally that if you seek his monument, look about you. For he made significant contributions to every aspect of the life of this synagogue. During his administration, a major part of the construction of the Milton Steinberg House took place. As long as this congregation will exist, as long as this building will stand, both of them will serve as an everlasting memorial to his memory.

He felt always that it was a sacred obligation to serve the house of God. And any responsibility that was placed upon him, whether that of leadership or that of being a member of the Board of Trustees, he felt such responsibility dare not be shirked or lightly regarded, because it was a holy duty. Only less than 48 hours before he died, he called to tell me it was with deep regret that he could not be present at the seminar of lawyers and judges that meets here this evening for the purpose of study. And only this past Sabbath morning he came to this pulpit during the reading of the Torah, and received the honor of an *Aliyah*—little did we know then that this was to be his farewell to the synagogue he loved so much.

He served the Jewish community with that same kind of dedication—the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the United Jewish Appeal and the 92nd Street YMHA where he was a member of the Board of Directors, past president of its alumni and a member of the Y for over half a century.

And the love he had for, and the pride he felt in the Jewishness of his home, the fact that Jewish traditions were observed with joy and with warmth in the home he loved so much! He liked people and enjoyed their company. Especially did he like to have them at his home as the guests of his beloved wife and himself. He took pride in the fact that his guests knew that his home was a traditional Jewish home where dietary laws of *kashruth* were observed, where all the other sacred traditions were hallowed. Only the evening before his soul took flight, he kindled the Hanukkah

candles with such happiness, such delight.

As a husband, as a son, as a brother, as a father, and as a grandfather he was an exemplary person. Beauty marked all of these relationships of his, and devotion, and affection, and great love. That last telephone conversation with me was one in which he spoke with great happiness of the birth of another grandson.

Socrates wrote these words: "Our venture is a glorious one. The soul with her own proper jewels which are justice and courage and nobility and truth — in these arrayed she is ready to go on her journey when the time comes." These jewels shone brightly and constantly in the life of Sanford H. Cohen. Arrayed in these, his soul is ready to go on its last journey to its Maker. Yet there is a comforting balm in the thought that the life that was his, and the love that was his—these cannot but leave their impress on his beloved wife and family and all of us who knew him, who respected him, and loved him.

"For life is eternal,
Love is immortal,
And death is only an horizon,
And an horizon is nothing
Save the limit of our sight."

Y'hi zihro barukh — May his memory be our blessing. Amen.

(This eulogy was transcribed from a tape recording machine.)

Address of Joseph H. Katz Chairman of Board

This is the first time in the history of our congregation that we mourn the loss of a former Chairman of our Board of Trustees. From this follows the fact that this morning is the first occasion that one of the lay leaders of this congregation is participating in a funeral service from this pulpit. Mine is a responsibility, which I must confess, I accept with a very heavy heart.

When Sanford Cohen died on Tuesday afternoon, Park Avenue Synagogue suffered a grievous loss. It was a grievous loss because Sanford Cohen was one of those rare individuals whom every generation needs so desperately, if it is to make any significant contribution to the history of a synagogue. He had a successful law practice to which he gave close attention and sagacious direction. He had a multitude of friends and liked

play. He enjoyed a very happy family and a busy social life. But neither home with his loving wife and family, his profession with its many pressures, nor his social obligations, could keep him from taking a vital and important role in the life of this synagogue. I am sure that of all his religious, communal and political activities, his chief love was Park Avenue Synagogue.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees for more than two decades. He took every committee assignment (and there were so many over the years), with great seriousness and punctility. He was a former vice-president of the congregation and a former chairman of the Board of Trustees. It was my privilege to be the vice-chairman of the Board during his administration. How well I remember that he was a model of organization and meticulous in his work. He debated with fairness and generosity and yet when necessary he clung tenaciously to views which he believed. Those of us who had the privilege of working with him know what a grasp he had of the problems which confronted us. He expressed himself openly and without equivocation but yet with the calm and thoughtful consideration of a justice of his court.

He was deeply loved and respected by all of us on the Board. For myself, I owe a personal debt of gratitude to him — for his friendly and sympathetic help, — for his advice which he offered me unstintingly these past years that I have been Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Sandy's selflessness and dedication to this congregation touched the heart. They were accompanied by a rare and good sense. A sweetness yet a strength of purpose and courage. You knew where you stood with him. He was forthright. When he spoke his heart spoke and you responded.

We on the Board will miss him very much. We shall not forget his bright presence. Years of being together leave their impact; a heritage, intangible yet real; a smile on his face, experiences shared, and the warmth of our daily contacts.

The memory of Sanford H. Cohen, our dear friend and colleague, is woven into the very fabric of this synagogue. Although we all feel his loss deeply, we realize how blessed we were with his presence among us.

Ways To Get Some Cups And Saucers

Sometimes life can be very easy and pleasant when a congregant will come along and make the kind of quick decision which, among other things, gives us more cups and saucers.

The other day Mrs. Bessie Greenwald, member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, wanted to arrange a meeting of ORT with which organization she is actively identified. Our only problem was that the dairy kitchen of the synagogue did not have enough cups, saucers and spoons. With Mrs. Greenwald that was no problem. She just arranged for us to double our supply based on a special contribution she made for that purpose, so that ORT, on this one occasion and we on all occasions, will be allotted more utensils than we had in the past!

Speaking of kind members, there are all sorts of ways of resigning from the synagogue, and we are certain no one will construe this as an invitation to resign.

One of our congregants, Mr. Louis J. Newman, wrote to tell us that he had settled in Westport and joined a synagogue there. More important to us at this moment, he described our synagogue as a lovely temple and that he had "enjoyed every moment of being associated with your very fine group." Our best wishes to him.

While on the subject, another member, who prefers to remain anonymous, recently made a \$100 contribution to enable us to increase our supply of Sabbath and Festival Prayer Books.

The other day a congregant, whose family has been associated with our synagogue for decades, Mrs. Ella Oberdorfer, contributed a traditional metal sabbath lamp, which had been in her family for many years, having been brought here from Germany.

Pleasant news across the desk includes a kind note from Mrs. Kassel Lewis, who each year brings her 92 Street "Y" nursery school children to the Park Avenue Synagogue for a morning which includes delighting the youngsters with our beautiful stained glass windows in the Heller facade, as well as a tour of our synagogue. She thanked us again this year, for our courteous reception to her four and five year-old youngsters.

— S.R.K.

Religious School News

by MARTIN LEICHTLING, *Principal*

Camp Ramah

We have just been advised that six of our students, former campers at Ramah, have been accepted for the summer of 1959.

Our Religious School has been assigned an additional quota of two students for the 1959 camp season. Parents who are interested in sending children to Camp Ramah for 1959 should consult with Mr. Leichtling in the School Office before December 25, 1958, the closing date for filing applications.

Class Mothers

The students of the Religious School express their appreciation to the Class Mothers who have volunteered their services to the school during the year 1958-1959.

The Class Mothers are headed by Mrs. Jack Kurzweil and co-chairmen Mrs. Louis Zimmerman and Mrs. Emil Forster.

Primary I—Mrs. Bernard Fread, Mrs. Lawrence Kerstein

Primary 2A—Mrs. Joseph Drucker, Mrs. Jacob Oberman

Primary 2B—Mrs. Sidney Zucker, Mrs. Melvin Starr

Primary 3A—Mrs. Henry J. Vogelstein, Mrs. Irving Diamond

Primary 3B—Mrs. Samuel Wick, Mrs. Gerald Silbert

Primary 4A—Mrs. Irving Salzberg

Primary 4B—Mrs. Stanley Greenwald, Mrs. Howard Newburger

Hebrew 1A—Mrs. Elmer Arluck, Mrs. Barbara Malkiel

Hebrew 1B—Mrs. David Oreck

Hebrew 1T—Mrs. George Schwartz, Mrs. James Sasmor, Mrs. Murray Roth

Hebrew 2A—Mrs. Jacques Kaplan, Mrs. James Leff

Hebrew 2B—Mrs. Joseph Goldman, Mrs. Edgar Kann

Hebrew 2T—Mrs. Samuel Swersky

Hebrew 3A—Mrs. Albert Cornell, Mrs. Alexander Forster, Mrs. Irving Epstein

Hebrew 3B—Mrs. George Shapiro, Mrs. Louis Rosenblatt

Men's Club Will Present Tax Symposium At February 24th Meeting

By HARVEY GLASSER

Men's Club will feature an unusual Tax Symposium as part of the Men's Club meeting of Tuesday, February 24. The panel of experts who will lead the discussion will be comprised of the following Men's Club members, all certified public accountants and all eminently qualified in the field: Samuel Kaplan, moderator, Samuel Kraft, Isidore Sack and Milton Sivek.

The Tax Symposium is being held with the cooperation of the New York Society of Certified Public Accountants.

An unusual feature of the program will be the question and answer period. To add interest to the discussion, any of you who have questions which you would like the panel to discuss are requested to send the questions in ahead of the meeting. Please address your questions to Tax Symposium, c/o Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street, New York City.

On January 27, Men's Club will present the Hon. Charles Abrams, Chairman of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination. Mr. Abrams has been a vigorous and articulate fighter against discrimination in all its forms. He will tell us of the activities of SCAD since his appointment as Chairman by Governor Harriman. Mr. Abrams was formerly New York State Rent Administrator.

The meeting of Tuesday, December 16, was devoted to Men's Club business and enabled those attending to hear from some of the chairmen of our important committees. It was also a grand opportunity to permit some of the newer Men's Club members to socialize and to become acquainted with the old-timers.

Hebrew 3T—Mrs. Joe Dell, Mrs. Robert Altman

Hebrew 4A—Mrs. Fannie Grater

Hebrew 4B—Mrs. Philip Falkenstein, Mrs. Alex Fein

Hebrew 5—Mrs. Lewis Carr

Confirmation Class—Mrs. Emil Forster

Sanford H. Cohen Services

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chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke on behalf of the officers and members of the congregation.

Headed by Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, and Jacob Klein, president of the congregation, the members of the Board, together with Hon. Bernard Botein and Milton Weill, honorary Trustees, acted as honorary pallbearers.

The synagogue was filled to capacity with many friends of the late Judge Cohen, not only from the synagogue, but also from various fields of communal activity, who came to pay their tribute of respect to a dear friend and colleague.

Present at the service were Hon. Alexander Bicks, Hon. John M. Cashin, and Hon. Irving Kaufman, judges of the Federal Court for the Southern District of New York; Hon. Samuel Gold and Hon. Arthur Klein, justices of the Supreme Court; Hon. Abraham N. Geller of the Court of General Sessions; and a delegation from the City Court, many of whom were former associates of the late Judge Cohen, headed by Hon. Peter Quinn, Chief Justice of the City Court, and which included Hon. Harold Baer, Hon. Samuel C. Coleman, Hon. Harry R. Frank, Hon. Abram Goodman (retired), Hon. James E. Mulcahy, Hon. Rocco A. Parella, Hon. Henry Schimmel (retired) and Hon. Maxwell Shapiro.

Also present were Hon. Louis I. Kaplan, Commissioner of Investigations of the City of New York; Hon. Bernard Newman, chairman of the New York County Republican Committee; Hon. Charles Gold, justice of the Municipal Court, and Hon. Henry Hoffman, former justice of the Court of Special Sessions.

U.S.Y. Convention

On Thursday, December 25, the eighth National Convention of United Synagogue Youth (U.S.Y.) will convene at the Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y. Our youth groups will be represented by a delegation of ten representatives who will join over one thousand others from various U.S.Y. affiliated chapters throughout the country.

Marking a level of maturity in the youth organization of the United Synagogue of America is the fact that this year's convention will revolve about the theme of "Talmud Torah K'negel Kulam"—"The Study of Torah Above Everything".

The fact that we are sending a larger

Seminary Corner

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America has awarded a citation to the National Broadcasting Company "for its distinguished record of continuous public service to all religious groups."

The citation commemorates the fifteenth anniversary of *Eternal Light* radio broadcasting on NBC and the new *Eternal Light* television series on NBC's "Frontiers of Faith" programs. Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum, Dean of Students at the Seminary and program editor of the *Eternal Light*, presented the citation to Edward Stanley, Director of Public Affairs at NBC, in the presence of other Seminary and NBC executives.

Eternal Light TV Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 21. ABOUT SOPHIE MEIER by Sylvia Berger and adapted by Morton Wishengrad, presents the problem of an aged lady whose children have no place for her in their home.

Sunday, Dec. 28. THE LIVING PAGE by Peter Barry, a story of the inner conflicts of a young rabbinical student and of his dawning comprehension of the import of the writings of Dr. Solomon Schechter.

Ceramics Exhibit at Jewish Museum

More than 70 pieces by the distinguished Californian potters Gertrud and Otto Natzler are on display at The Jewish Museum, 92nd Street and Fifth Avenue, throughout December. This ceramics exhibit marks the first full-scale "one-man" museum show for the Natzlers. It includes a representative selection of bowls, vases, pots, jars, dishes and Yahrzeit lamps. The Natzlers' work is noted for unusual color glazes and textural surfaces.

The Jewish Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America is open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 5 P.M. and on Sunday from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. Admission is free at all times.

delegation this year is an indication of the growth of our own youth program—numerically and in depth.

The convention will end on Sunday, December 28, when we expect our boys and girls to return better prepared to assume leadership responsibilities in their own groups. Our delegation will be composed of Robert Fischer, Jacky Finkel, Michael Gelfand, Jan Jacob, Elisa Kaufman, Cynthia Marks, Howard Morris, Steve Schwartz, John Stangel, and Gail Yaeger.

"The Living Menorah"

A Shining Success

A large number of congregants attended the Hanukkah party which was held Sunday evening December 7, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

A unique feature of the program was "The Living Menorah" in which members of the synagogue recited symbolic meanings given to the candles in a script prepared by Dore Schary for the United Synagogue of America Home Service. Mrs. Julius Leichling lighted the first candle representing faith; Nelson Ruttenberg, the second candle representing freedom; Mrs. Bernard Fread, the third candle representing courage; L. Chester Glaser, the fourth candle representing love; Mrs. Albert Siegel, the fifth candle representing charity; Julian Jacobs, the sixth candle representing integrity; Mrs. Harry Grunther, the seventh candle representing knowledge; and Dr. Alexander Forster, the eighth candle representing peace. Mrs. Irwin H. Rome was the Shamash, and Emil Forster acted as master of ceremonies.

Also participating on the committee were Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. Paul Miller, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, Mrs. Samuel Wick and Mrs. Rita Zucker. The entire party was under the chairmanship of Mrs. Abraham Stangel, and to her and her committee and to all those who participated we are indeed grateful.

Hazzan David J. Putterman sang the blessing over the lighting of the Hanukkah candles, and Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the board of trustees, welcomed the guests and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Stangel and members of her committee for a successful party.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served in the Sisterhood Lounge which had been beautifully decorated by Mrs. Stangel and her committee.

Memorial Tablet Arranged By Mrs. Max Borgenicht

A memorial tablet is being installed on the north wall of the synagogue in memory of Morris B. Kahn according to arrangements made by Mrs. Max Borgenicht in connection with a contribution made recently by her to the synagogue.

Sisterhood Picks Another Winner

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Sisterhood scored a four star hit this year with its choice of "Flower Drum Song" for its annual theatre party on December 3. Selected by Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, this charming Rodgers and Hammerstein musical won praise from all who attended.

The delightful settings, the eye-catching costumes, the thoroughly engaging performances by the entire cast spelled a brilliant success for the play, and enchanted the audience.

The theatre party was preceded by a luncheon at the Sheraton Astor, where the guests heard Mrs. Sol E. Green, Sisterhood president, speak most eloquently about the work of Sisterhood, and the important part each member plays in helping to accomplish its aims. Rabbi Nadich gave an interesting and informative talk on the significance of Hanukkah and the struggle of the Maccabees against the immorality that existed in that day. Hazzan Putterman led the audience in the singing of Hatikvah and the Star Spangled Banner, and Cantor Friedman recited grace after the meal.

The drawing of prizes was under the supervision of Mrs. Mitchell Leventhal, assisted by Mrs. Nadich and Mrs. Putterman.

Those in charge of the party were: Mrs. Jacob Starr and Mrs. Herman Helpern, co-chairmen; Mrs. William Karniol, seating chairman; Mrs. Mitchell Leventhal, "angels" chairman; Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, publicity chairman; Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, theatre chairman; and Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, hostess chairman. To all of them, our thanks for an enjoyable afternoon. Our thanks, also, to our loyal patrons who gave their support to this project.

Reserve These Dates

SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 15, 1959—This is the date of Sisterhood's annual supper and card party. Mrs. Paul Bercu, chairman of this affair, has planned an entertaining evening beginning with a delicious supper to be followed by cards and games. Mrs. Irwin Rome will be in charge of the sale of tickets which will be \$3.00 per person. Reservations are limited, so make yours promptly. Please call Mrs. Rome (RE 7-1224) or write (180 East 79 Street).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1959 —

Mr. and Mrs. Club News

By GERALD SILBERT

At our December 10 meeting, Rabbi Nadich continued to lead the stimulating and spirited discussion on "Judaism in the Home." This was the demand repeat performance after the highly successful October discussion led by the Rabbi.

Activities started with the traditional kindling of the festive lights on the fifth night of Hanukkah. Hazzan Putterman led us in the holiday singing and stayed on to brighten the entire evening.

For our next meeting, on January 20, we will have a real treat. The evening will be devoted to Israeli folk dances. Come, see, learn, and participate. Don't forget to set the evening aside. Join in making the Mr. & Mrs. Club an important arm of the synagogue.

Also hold the evening of February 17 for a meeting of special delight — an evening to be led by Hazzan David Putterman on "Jewish Music — From Birth to Eternity."

Stained Glass Window Dedicated By Lewis Gruber

Mr. Lewis Gruber, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, just completed arrangements for a stained glass memorial window.

Dedicated in memory of his parents, Bernard and Bertha Gruber, and his sister, Stella Gruber, the memorial will be affixed on the upper west wall of the synagogue, center section.

Hon. Maxwell Shapiro, chairman of the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests, in reporting the generous contribution made by Mr. Gruber in connection with the memorial window, announced that at present there is only one more stained glass window available for any similar memorial purpose

Sisterhood's open meeting will feature the well-known coloratura, La Bianca. Complete details will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

An Acknowledgement

Sisterhood has received a wonderful gift of fine silver from Mrs. Jean Rosenthal. Future parties of Sisterhood will be more glamorous than ever with the acquisition of these beautiful silver trays, bowls, spoons and charming silver teapot.

We wish to thank Mrs. Rosenthal for her gift and to assure her that Sisterhood will treasure these heirlooms.

College Group Party

By JERRY GOODMAN

The mid-Winter college vacation period will again be highlighted by the return of many students to the synagogue for a College Cocktail Party, to be held on Tuesday, December 30, in the Sisterhood Lounge.

This party will be an occasion for those attending school away from home to re-join those who have remained closer to New York City. It will be a time for renewing old acquaintances and for developing new ones in a pleasant synagogue and social environment.

Personal invitations are being sent to undergraduates whose names and addresses have been furnished to the synagogue office. If a college member of your family is not among those who have been invited, or if there are any other questions relative to the College Cocktail Party, please communicate with Mrs. Harry Zucker. (SA 2-7970) who is serving together with Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, as co-chairmen.

Legacy To Synagogue By Dr. Fink's Sister

Members of our congregation would be interested in learning that the late Mrs. Bertha F. Lamchen was kind enough to think of the Park Avenue Synagogue, even though she was not one of our members, in her will which was recently filed.

Men's Club Theatre Party

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ducing staff, all point to a successful and long-running play.

In previous years, Men's Club has always selected plays that were great successes, among which were "The Solid Gold Cadillac" and "The Desperate Hours." There is every indication that once again Men's Club will have scored with a "hit" play.

All members of the Synagogue, the various affiliated groups and their friends are invited to participate in this benefit performance, the proceeds of which will be used for the Milton Steinberg House.

Rabbi Nadich Concludes Adult Education Lectures

Rabbi Nadich's December 15 lecture on traditional Jewish practices, in "The Cycle of a Jewish Lifetime", concluded our major lecture series this year. Last Monday evening also marked the end of the first session of Adult Education classes, now suspended for the Winter recess.

Classes will resume on January 5—the "Hebrew Through Pictures" courses using films and records in the language learning method developed at Harvard University, with Mrs. Amnon Kabatchnik teaching the elementary class and Mr. Reuben R. Singer the intermediate; "How to Read the Prayer Book" led by Hazzan David J. Putterman which is giving a number of our members the ability to participate more fully in our synagogue services; and "The Living Talmud" course in which Rabbi Samuel Schafler is introducing students to the wealth of learning developed a millenium ago by the rabbis and academies in Palestine and Babylon.

The new session will allow more time to be devoted to each class, from 8:10 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. each Monday evening. This spring session will continue through March 9, 1959.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Bronstein—upon the marriage of their granddaughter Judith Brisk to Sheldon I. Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krones—upon the birth of a daughter Judith Kay

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Joffe—upon the birth of their grandson David Henry Edelman

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ostriker—upon the engagement of their son Jeremiah Paul Ostriker to Miss Alicia Suskin

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Seigenfeld—upon the marriage of their daughter Susan to Mr. James Alan Richter

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stowe—upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary

Winter Recess

The Religious School Winter recess will coincide with the regular school vacation of the New York City public school system.

The Religious School will close on Wednesday, December 24, 1958 and reopen on Monday, January 5, 1959.

Parents Ass'n News

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Many Class Mothers of the Religious School attended the Hanukkah Workshop sponsored by the Parents Association on Monday afternoon, December 1.

Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, chairman of Class Mothers, welcomed the guests and outlined the functions of the Class Mothers and the program of activities, including the various holiday celebrations to take place in the classrooms of the Religious School.

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, president of the Parents Association, discussed the several books housed in the Cohen Library of the Milton Steinberg House which the mothers would find helpful in planning their home celebrations. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School, gave a most informative talk on the celebration of Hanukkah.

A "Do It Yourself" table, artistically created by Mrs. A. Stangel, chairman of Holiday Workshop, was the center of attraction. Mrs. Stangel explained the significance of each symbol and gave instructions for making the various decorations that mothers could create to make the Festival of Hanukkah more meaningful in the home.

Condolences

Mrs. Sanford H. Cohen — upon the death of husband Sanford H. Cohen

Mrs. Therese Jacobus—death of her daughter Mrs. Sara Jacobus Hernandez

Mrs. Milton Selig—death of her sister Mrs. Sara Jacobus Hernandez

Mrs. Meyer Kaplan—death of her husband Meyer Kaplan

Dr. A. L. Kornzweig—death of his brother-in-law Max Siegel

Archie Thurman—death of his sister Mrs. Leah Schwartzman

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Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch Receives J. W. B. Award

On December 11 the National Jewish Welfare Board presented an award to Major General Melvin L. Krulewitch. This is the first time the National J W B has ever made an award for activity in Greater New York. It recognizes the General's three-year chairmanship of JWB's New York City Council, as well as his outstanding service to the 92nd Street YM-YWHA for more than four decades, to JWB's Armed Services Division since World War I, and to its Jewish Center Division.

A luncheon at the 71st Regiment Armory in New York City was the occasion for Gen. Krulewitch to receive the award. Irving Ben Cooper, Chief Judge of the Court of Special Sessions, was the speaker, and the presentation was made by Milton Weill, an honorary Trustee of our synagogue and also his colleague in the JWB. A number of our Trustees and Advisory Council members attended the luncheon to share in honoring Gen. Krulewitch who has been a member of our Board of Trustees since 1951 and served as its Vice Chairman in 1956-1957.

Gen. Krulewitch, who is an attorney in New York City, holds the highest rank in the Marine Corps Reserve of any New Yorker, and the highest ever held by any Jew. When he was commissioned a brigadier general in 1955, he was the first Jew ever to attain general rank in the Marine Corps. He has been awarded many medals, citations and commendations for his achievements and heroism during his Marine Corps career.

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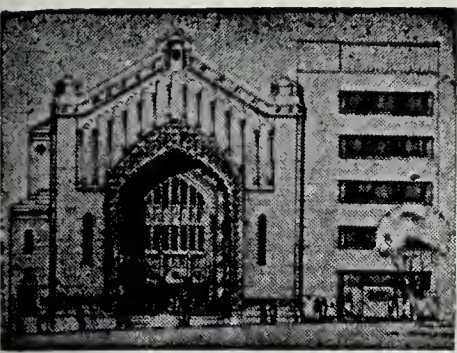
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Sisterhood Dinner Meeting Sunday, Jan. 18

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG
Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue
Invites you, your family and friends
Sunday, January 18, 1959, at 6 P.M.
To its supper party, Lemberg Auditorium.
Enjoy yourself with cards and games.
Reserve your place, be smart,
Have a delicious dinner with friends.
Only \$3.00 per person — best buy in town
Of course, reservations are limited,
Don't delay, you'll miss the fun.
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Friday Evening Service, January 16 Devoted to Hassidic Music

"Get Them In Fast" Says Men's Club

By AL SIEGEL
If you want seats for the benefit performance of "Rashomon" on March 11, 1959, which is being sponsored by the Men's Club for the benefit of the Milton Steinberg House, may we suggest that you send your reservation card and check immediately? This is the sound advice of Judge Maxwell Shapiro, theatre chairman, and Lawrence Meyers, treasurer of the Men's Club theatre party.
Since the "Times Extra" appeared announcing the all star cast and the exciting story of "Rashomon", interest has run high, and reservations are coming in steadily. Naturally, those that are
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The Friday evening service on January 16 will be of an experimental nature. Thematic in character, it will be entirely devoted to the subject of hassidism. The music of the entire service, to be chanted by Hazzan Putterman and the choir, will be either hassidic or derived from hassidic sources. Instead of the regular sermon, Rabbi Nadich will, at various points throughout the service, give program notes explaining the music and brief explanations of the origin and development of the hassidic movement in Jewish religious life. It is urged that worshippers make a special effort to arrive at the beginning of the service since the pulpit commentary and explanations will be concurrent with the prayers and music from beginning to end.

The pulpit discourse at the service on Friday evening, January 9, will deal with the new verse drama by Archibald MacLeish, entitled "J.B.", which has received the unanimous praise of all the critics, one of them having called it, "one of the great accomplishments in the theatre of the twentieth century." This play deals with the problem of suffering and is in essence the recasting of the Biblical book of Job in a contemporary American setting.

At the Friday evening service on January 23, which in the Jewish calendar is a day associated with Israel, *Tu Beshvat*, the new novel, "Exodus" by Leon Uris will be the subject of the pulpit discourse.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, January 9, 19598:30 P.M.
"An Ancient Problem in Modern Dress"
A discussion of "J. B."

Saturday Morning, January 10, 19599:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Harry Falkenstein
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Falkenstein

Friday Evening, January 16, 19598:30 P.M.
"The Joy of Hassidism"
Music and Commentary

Saturday Morning, January 17, 19599:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Bernard Nemeroff
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Nemeroff

Friday Evening, January 23, 19598:30 P.M.
"The Romance of Israel"
"Exodus" by Leon Uris

Saturday Morning, January 24, 19599:30 A.M.
Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak each Friday evening
and preach on the Scriptural Portion each Sabbath morning.
*The services will be conducted by Rabbi Nadich and
Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ*

Reserve this date!
FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 30
This will be the
**PARENTS ASSOCIATION
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Dr. John J. Theobald
Superintendent of Schools of the
City of New York, will be our
guest speaker

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Our Daily Minyan

When L. Chester Glaser and Dr. Harry Neivert accepted the co-chairmanship of the Minyan Committee they believed that they would receive the whole-hearted support not only of the Men's Club but also of the entire membership of the congregation.

Since the inception of the daily *minyan*, which is conducted in the Appleman Chapel of the Milton Steinberg House every day at 5:45 p.m. (except Fridays when the late services are held), both of these gentlemen together with a handful of stalwarts have accepted the responsibility of attending these services to assure the presence of a *minyan*.

However, the Men's Club which is sponsoring this daily *minyan* has the right to expect that other members of the congregation should deem it a privilege to participate in this daily prayer. The absence of new faces except on infrequent occasions is not indicative of the kind of support that should be given to this project.

Those who have to say *Kaddish* or observe a *Yahrzeit* should feel that the Park Avenue Synagogue offers them the opportunity to find a *minyan* present at all of our daily services. Thus far the Minyan Committee has been successful in maintaining the *minyan*, but others should feel a sense of responsibility towards this undertaking. None of us knows when we may wish to attend such daily services and, should the occasion arise, would we not be thankful that others had carried on for us?

Are we asking too much to request the general membership of our congregation to join in these daily prayers? The service starts promptly at 5:45 p.m. and is usually over by 6:10 p.m.

—N.R.

DAILY MINYAN SERVICE

5:45 P.M.

Appleman Chapel

UJA Women's Division Begins Campaign

With the new calendar year of 1959 the Women's Division of UJA begins its annual effort for contributions from the women of our community.

There are many worthy causes in our general and Jewish life that deserve our assistance, but as Jews, there are four which deserve top priority in our consideration: the synagogue and its school, the school of higher Jewish learning—the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Federation and the UJA. The Jew who would meet his obligations as a member of the Jewish community cannot fail to lend his generous support to all these four causes. Incidentally, the annual Federation campaign is drawing to a close and if your contribution has not yet been made, it is not too late to write your check.

The UJA campaign in 1959 is of critical importance because it involves, in addition to all the normal demands, the new emergency of emigration of Jews from behind the Iron Curtain. Too much cannot be written about it. However, this may be said. For a long time we have been hoping that the opportunity would arise for our fellow Jews in Communist countries desirous of leaving those lands to receive permission to do so. In recent months certain East European lands have quietly been granting such permission and thousands of Jews have departed from such places and have been arriving in Israel. We should rejoice at this good news. However, this involves a new and unexpected responsibility and cannot be shouldered by the Jews of Israel alone. Nor should it be. We Jews of America are in the fortunate position of being able to help our fellow Jews and it is our sacred privilege and our historic responsibility so to do.

The representatives of the Jewish communities of this country assembled at the recent national UJA conference have proclaimed an emergency one hundred million dollar campaign in addition to the regular campaign for the same sum. I would, therefore, urge all of our BULLETIN readers and, particularly the women who will be approached during the next several weeks, to consider most carefully their annual UJA contribution and to give as generously as possible in this critical campaign.

JUDAH NADICH
Rabbi

Men's Club Appoints Minyan Committee

By L. CHESTER GLASER

At a breakfast meeting held in the Sisterhood Lounge, Sunday morning, December 21, the newly created Minyan committee held its first full dress rehearsal.

This special committee, appointed by the Men's Club which is sponsoring the daily *minyan* evening service held daily in the Appleman Chapel from 5:45 P.M. to 6:10 P.M., except Friday evening, is headed by L. Chester Glaser and Dr. Harry Neivert, as co-chairmen. The committee also includes Harry A. Dubin, Paul Ellis, Julian Jacobs, James L. Liebman, Archie Richman, Nelson Ruttenberg, Albert Siegel, Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, Milton M. Sivek and Samuel S. Wick.

Each of these gentlemen, by his attendance at the daily service, has displayed his complete understanding of the sacred duty to sustain such daily service, so that other members of our synagogue, as well as bereaved strangers, could attend our house of worship, should the occasion arise when they have to recite the traditional *kaddish* or observe *yahrzeit* for their departed loved ones. Now the community knows that the Park Avenue Synagogue provides such daily evening service.

The committee was unanimous in its opinion that the duty, however, to sustain this daily evening service was the sacred responsibility of the entire synagogue membership. Each member of our congregation is urged to attend these services at least once or twice a week in order to insure the maintenance of a *minyan*. If you wish to undertake any specific days for your attendance please notify the chairman of your desire.

Those who have attended with some degree of regularity have found these services to be of great spiritual benefit and inspiration. In the words of our beloved Rabbi Nadich in his message which was published recently in the BULLETIN:

"May I strongly urge those of you who have not as yet attended the daily Chapel service to give yourselves the opportunity. You may discover that this brief period of prayer and contemplation, coming at the end of a busy and tension-laden day at the office or business, will serve

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Sisterhood To Present La Bianca, January 20

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

In celebration of Jewish Music Month, Sisterhood will present La Bianca, the sensational coloratura, at its luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 20.

Following luncheon, which will be served at noon, members and their friends will have the opportunity of hearing this great artist sing selections from her vast repertoire in English, Italian, Spanish, Yiddish and Hebrew.

Acclaimed by the music critics as a "true coloratura", possessing a gifted voice and rare ability, La Bianca has performed before audiences throughout the world. In a recital at Carnegie Hall, she was described as "triumphant", phenomenal in her technique and exact in her art. La Bianca has sung for many organizations and is well known to audiences of Federation, Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, as well as the U.J.A. Night of Stars at Madison Square Garden.

Mrs. Edward Peiper, a former president of Sisterhood, and chairman of this meeting, will present a report, illustrated by pictures, of the splendid work of the Guild for the Jewish Blind in affording blind people opportunities for their development and usefulness in many fields of productive activity.

Be sure to jot this date in your diary and join Sisterhood in an afternoon of pleasant entertainment.

Law Seminar Resumes Sessions

The next meeting of the Judges and Lawyers Seminar will take place on Thursday evening, January 22, in the Sisterhood Lounge. Rabbi Nadich will continue his discussion of Jewish law based on the texts of the Mishnah and the Code of Maimonides. The particular subjects for this meeting will concern themselves with the selection and eligibility of judges and witnesses.

Justice Bernard Botein is Chairman of the Committee which includes also Judge Abraham N. Geller, Judge Samuel M. Gold, Hon. Nathaniel Goldstein and George Shapiro.

It is to be hoped that the splendid attendance of the first sessions of this Seminar will mark the meetings in 1959 as well.

Sisterhood Dinner Meeting

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Mrs. Paul Bereu, chairman of this party, has requested that reservations be sent immediately to Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, 180 East 79th Street, New York City. The charge is \$3.00 per person which includes the buffet dinner.

Serving on the committee with Mrs. Bereu will be: Mrs. Jack Boneparth, Mrs. Samuel Gellert, Mrs. Milton Heller, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, and Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, planning committee. Also assisting will be: Mrs. Herman Bronstein, in charge of prizes, and Mrs. Marvin Spiegel, in charge of cards and games.

Federal Court Moves To Law School Classroom

Modern techniques are penetrating all fields of study. Recently, law students from New York University and Fordham University Law Schools were permitted to witness pre-trial hearings held in the Auditorium of New York University at Washington Square.

This was no moot court proceeding but an actual pre-trial hearing and the first time in the East that such a demonstration was held before law students. Judge Irving R. Kaufman of the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York presided, and the lawyers who appeared actually represented the litigants in two negligence cases pending in that court and scheduled for trial.

Judge Kaufman, a member of our congregation, seeking to stress the importance of pre-trial hearings, thought that it would be helpful to young law students if they could be made aware of some of the problems facing our courts. By frank discussion between opposing counsel in which Judge Kaufman participated, the lawyers exchanged exhibits and stipulated facts, all intended to shorten the trial and to remove the element of surprise at the trial so that the judge and the jury would have a better opportunity to search for the truth. The students will receive credit for their attendance.

Our congratulations to Judge Kaufman for having blazed the trail and for having given these future lawyers a practical demonstration of the actual practice of the law.

Designate Harry Halbren Membership Chairman

Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has announced the appointment of Harry Halbren, a trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue for many years, as chairman of the Membership Committee.

Mr. Halbren, who among his other activities has been serving as a member of the Membership Committee, succeeds Harry J. Sokolow who recently resigned as chairman of that committee. We are fortunate in having Mr. Sokolow continue as a member of that committee so that the benefit of his past experience will not be lost.

In accepting Mr. Sokolow's resignation, Mr. Katz, as chairman of the board expressed the gratitude of the congregation for the devoted service rendered by Mr. Sokolow during his tenure as chairman of the Membership Committee. It was during Mr. Sokolow's chairmanship that the new dues schedule was inaugurated, and as a result of his efforts the synagogue's receipts from dues were materially increased and many new congregants were admitted to our synagogue roll.

I. M. Cohen Honored

At the recent annual Federation dinner of the clothing industry, I. M. Cohen, a member of the Board of Trustees of our synagogue, was presented with the first annual Samuel Kappel Memorial Award.

To be the recipient of this award, which was created in honor of the outstanding philanthropic leadership of Samuel Kappel to Federation during his lifetime, is regarded as a great honor. We, in the Park Avenue Synagogue, congratulate our colleague and friend upon this additional recognition of Mr. Cohen's philanthropy in so many facets of our communal life.

A Correction

The stained glass memorial window which is to be dedicated by Mr. Lewis Gruber, a member of our congregation, will be in memory of his parents, Bertha and Bernard Gruber, and his beloved wife, Stella Gruber, of blessed memory.

Charles Abrams, Speaker At Men's Club Meeting

By HARVEY GLASSER

On Tuesday evening, January 27, at 8:30 P.M., in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Synagogue. Men's Club will proudly present the Hon. Charles Abrams, Chairman of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination (SCAD). News of the program and Mr. Abrams' appearance have elicited such wide interest that it has been decided to invite the ladies to this meeting.

Men's Club is indeed privileged to present Charles Abrams, one of the world's foremost authorities on public housing and city planning and a vigorous and outspoken fighter against racial and religious bigotry in all its forms.

Mr. Abrams, former State Rent Administrator and Commissioner of the Temporary State Housing Rent Commission, is also presently a Visiting Professor of Housing at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, Visiting Professor of the New School for Social Research and on the faculty of CCNY. Among his numerous other accomplishments in the field of housing were: Chief of UN Housing Mission to the Gold Coast; expert on UN Mission to Turkey, and Chief of UN Mission to Pakistan. He is the author of "Urban Land Policies and Problems", a world report on housing for the UN.

Our guest speaker has written extensively on the subject of housing and is also the author of past municipal housing laws. He has been the Director of the National Housing Conference, served on the Mayor's Advisory Council and as chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Redevelopment, and former vice-chairman of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing.

Please make note of the date Tuesday, February 24. On that day Men's Club will present a Tax Symposium conducted by its own members Samuel Kaplan, moderator, Samuel Kraft, Isidore Sack and Milton Sivek. Please mail any questions you wish to submit to Tax Symposium, c/o Men's Club, 50 East 87th Street, New York City in advance of the meeting.

And, lest we forget, please mail in your reservations to Men's Club's gala theater party, to be held on Wednesday, March 11, "RASHOMON".

Mr. and Mrs. Club Plans Israeli Folk Dancing

By MRS. JEROME S. MITTELMAN

The next Mr. and Mrs. Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 20, at 8:30 o'clock. At that time the Club will combine social and cultural enjoyment with a fine program of bright Israeli folk dancing.

Professional dancers will present a colorful demonstration and offer instruction in Israeli folk dancing. Here is an opportunity for participation that promises to be unusually delightful and an event to be long remembered.

As Rabbi Judah Nadich has pointed out, January 20 marks the occasion for celebration of Israeli Arbor Day, an annual national festival.

So do make a note to be with us on that Tuesday evening. All members of the congregation and their friends are invited to join in the evening's excitement.

Convention Delegates To Metropolitan Council

Following the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the board, named the following persons to represent our synagogue at the biennial convention of the Metropolitan Council of the United Synagogue of America: Ezra Cohen, Saul Godwin, Joseph Howard Katz, Sidney R. Katz, Jacob Klein, Milton M. Sivek, Asa D. Sokolow and Archie Thurman.

The convention will take place on Sunday, January 11, at Congregation Beth Israel, Hempstead, Long Island.

The Metropolitan Council includes all Conservative congregations in the New York area, and this convention is an effort to provide an opportunity for the lay leadership of Conservative synagogues to formulate general policy and program for the Conservative movement.

The convention theme is: "The Conservative Jew and his Synagogue—Looking Ahead to the Next Decade." Dr. Simon Greenberg, Vice Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be the featured speaker at the convention. Seminars are being planned on various synagogue activities to enable the delegates to share experiences and ideas that may be mutually helpful.

Contributions In Memory Of Sanford H. Cohen

One of the most impressive spontaneous flow of gifts to the synagogue developed around the death of the late Sanford H. Cohen.

As reported in the special issue of our BULLETIN dated December 17, 1958, the Honorable Sanford H. Cohen, past chairman of the board and a member of our congregation for many years, passed away on Tuesday, December 9.

As of this writing, the Park Avenue Synagogue has been the beneficiary of contributions from the following sources, some of whom are not members of our congregation. All the gifts are earmarked in memory of the late Sanford H. Cohen. The contributors are: John H. Ballard, Bernard Berk and Mrs. Rita Berk, Leonard Brody, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Cohen, Mrs. Sadie Z. Cohn and Mrs. Irma Shapiro, Coombes family, the Gans, Gray and Myers families, Mrs. Hazel Gilson, Miss Fritzie V. Goldstein, Irving Guckenheim, Harry D. Henshel family, Mrs. Bea Klenert, Mrs. Charles Laubheim, Mandel Levison, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Low, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mittenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ochs, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, Mrs. Elsie Waldeck, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Weill and Mr. and Mrs. Max B. Zahler.

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Men's Club Theatre Party

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"firstest" will get the "bestest."

Ted Meistrie and Jacob Starr, co-chairmen of this theatre party, say that according to advance information received from those who should know, "Rashomon" will be one of the biggest shows to hit the board for many a season. Those fortunate enough to have tickets will see a performance that will keep them talking for many a moon.

Since going to press, the theatre critics in Philadelphia, where the play opened recently, have given "Rashomon" rave notices.

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Religious School News

By MARTIN LEICHTLING, *Principal*

BAR MITZVAH CLASS

The students in the Bar Mitzvah class will meet with Rabbi Judah Nadich on Wednesday, January 7 and January 14, at 5:10 P.M. in Room 501 of the Milton Steinberg House.

Rabbi Nadich will discuss with the class the meaning of the Bar Mitzvah ceremony and their readings in the book, "A Guide to Jewish Youth."

OPEN SCHOOL WEEK

The parents of the students in the Religious School are invited to visit the school during Open School Week, January 19 through January 25, as officially proclaimed for all schools in the metropolitan area by the Jewish Education Committee.

Primary Department parents are asked to come to the school on Sunday, January 25, at 9:45 A.M. to observe the classes during their instruction period. At 11:30 all classes will meet in a special assembly while the parents discuss with the teachers the curriculum of the grade.

On January 21 and 22 the Hebrew Department classes will be visited by the parents and here, too, parents will have an opportunity to observe the instruction and discuss with the teacher the work of the class.

Parents who recently visited the secular schools attended by their children are urged to come to the Religious School during Open School Week. The visit will not only acquaint them with our work but will serve to place religious education on a level with secular education in the minds of our students. The interested parent helps to strengthen the prestige and significance of our educational program.

Men's Club Minyan Committee

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to clear away the cobwebs in the mind, to lift the spirit and to gather inner reinvigoration and refreshment."

May we add to our Rabbi's appeal and ask that you, too, join with us in maintaining the *minyan*, not only for your own spiritual uplift but also for those who may need a *minyan*? We must succeed—and our success will redound to the everlasting glory and credit of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Youth Activities

By JERRY GOODMAN

The Study Group is a regular adjunct to the teen-age United Synagogue Youth program at the Park Avenue Synagogue. The group is made up of members from the other clubs who are interested in a more intensive program. As such it is coordinated with the normal activities of all the teen-age groups.

The group meets each Sunday at 1:30 P.M. for about one and a half hours. A recent group decision has expanded the forthcoming programs and activities. Discussions on "Current Ideas in Judaism" and "Our Basic Books" have been projected. In addition, Israeli folk dancing, a bowling party and inter-center programs and social activities have been planned for the group.

All regular members of the teen-age youth groups are invited to apply for admission to the Study Group. A limited number of openings has been made available.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 600

By BRUCE TURNER

On December 26, 27 and 28 Troop No. 600, under the direction of Bruce Turner assisted by Cy Davis, made its third annual sojourn at Sanita Hills Boy Scout Camp. This is the outing highlight of the year for our boys.

The camp is located at Holmes, N. Y., in a picturesque region of New York State, about 70 miles from the Park Avenue Synagogue. The site was formerly the Department of Sanitation summer rest camp but the Boy Scouts of America took it over a few years ago. The camp cabins are old Third Avenue "El" cars converted into more or less luxurious quarters with electric lights, gas heaters, stoves and ovens, electric refrigerators etc.

The trip afforded opportunity for regular Scout advancement by a ten-mile hike with Mr. Turner or a five-mile hike with Mr. Davis. In addition the boys were treated to a full length feature film. A good time was had by all.

Many thanks to the parents who transported our boys to and from the camp: the Keller, Rubin, Kaplan, Lyons, Ross and Schore families.

Parents Requested To Join Synagogue

The parents of students in our Religious School, who are not members of our congregation, have recently been invited to join the synagogue.

In a communication addressed to all such parents, the chairman of the Board, Joseph Howard Katz, and the chairman of the Religious School Board, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, extended a special invitation, primarily for educational reasons, urging these parents to consider sharing the synagogue's responsibility for the education of their youngsters. The letter said in part:

"In prior years the Board of Trustees believed that because of the shortage of seating facilities at the High Holy Days services—which, incidentally, still exists—we ought not to urge parents of youngsters attending our Religious School to join the synagogue. Of course, they were always welcome to do so.

"Today we feel that parents can help tremendously in the effort to educate their children if they take an affirmative step of identification with the synagogue itself, simultaneously with a son's or daughter's religious schooling.

"Furthermore, our Religious School tuition fee is far from adequate to meet the cost of our school overhead. Yet we are quite content to have any number of children benefit from our Religious School at our standard tuition rate—or even at a full free scholarship. We consider this part of our responsibility to the Jewish community.

"We know that there are many parents who would like to share with us in this community responsibility of maintaining our synagogue, its school and all its community services, and who may seriously consider joining our synagogue if invited to do so, and thereby support the school beyond the actual tuition payment.

"In our congregation membership carries with it two assigned seats for the High Holy Days. New members can therefore be enrolled only as vacancies develop—as they always do. For the educational advantage of your child, we are anxious to give preference to parents whose children are enrolled in our Religious School."

At this writing several families have begun to arrange for discussion with the synagogue's Membership Committee. Interested parents may feel free to communicate with our Executive Director, Sidney R. Katz.

IMMIGRATION— An Urgent Message

Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has received an urgent message from Rabbi Harry Halpern, national Chairman of the Joint Commission on Social Action of the United Synagogue of America, Rabbinical Assembly and National Women's League. Rabbi Halpern, in the closing days of 1958, directed an urgent appeal to the leadership of all Conservative congregations in the United States.

He urged individuals to communicate with their Congressmen about an issue which has been of deep Jewish interest for many years, namely, the problem of immigration. In this special message he urged us to oppose the transfer of jurisdiction over immigration to the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The message from the United Synagogue of America reads in part:

"I wish to bring to your attention an urgent matter which requires immediate action on your part and on the part of each of your members.

"There is a strong possibility that immediately upon the opening of the next Congress on January 7, 1959, an attempt will be made to give permanent and exclusive legislative jurisdiction in the field of immigration and passport control to the present House Un-American Activities Committee. If such a proposal were approved, it would mean that Congressman Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, one of the co-authors of the McCarran-Walter Act, and his staff headed by Mr. Richard Arens would take over the work on immigration and passport control. Both of these gentlemen are known for their restrictive stand on immigration and for their equally narrow approach to the question of the issuance of passports.

"... You and your membership are urged immediately to contact your Congressmen to alert them against any action which would make it possible for Congressman Walter's committee to obtain control over immigration and passport matters. See or write your Congressman and urge him to write to Congressmen Rayburn, McCormack, Martin and Halleck—depending upon the party affiliation of your own Congressman—asking him to indicate his firm opposition to any such move and his desire that immigration and passport matters remain with their present committees.

Justice Bernard Botein Advocates Court Reform

Justice Bernard Botein, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, in a recent address to the Association of the Bar, urgently appealed to the lawyers to organize a statewide bar group to rally support for court reorganization, as suggested by the State Judicial Conference.

The nine-judge Judicial Conference, of which Mr. Justice Botein is a member, consists of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as chairman, the four Presiding Justices of the Appellate Divisions, and four Supreme Court justices.

Under the plan proposed, which will be considered by the Legislature when it convenes this month, many of the courts will be integrated into a simple state-wide system, following the essentials of judicial administration advanced by the late Chief Justice Arthur Vanderbilt of New Jersey, an authority on court reform.

A former chairman of our Board of Trustees and serving as an honorary trustee, Justice Botein is now chairing the law seminar being conducted by Rabbi Nadich for lawyers and judges who are members of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

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You in turn and your members should also write to these congressional leaders indicating your concern and opposition to such a change."

At the recent biennial convention of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America the Conservative movement again reaffirmed its strong criticism of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, better known as the McCarran-Walter Act, for its discriminatory and restrictive approach to immigration.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein upon their 45th Wedding Anniversary

Mrs. Sanford H. Cohen — upon the birth of a grandson, Sanford Harold and to the parents Mr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Gerber — upon the engagement of their daughter Iris to Barrie M. Damson

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Joffe — upon the birth of a grandson, David Henry Edelman, and to the parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edelman

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz — upon their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ostriker — upon the marriage of their son Jeremiah Paul to Alicia Suskin

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Pollack — upon the marriage of their daughter Doris to Richard Roberts

Mr. and Mrs. Bela Adler — upon the birth of a son, and to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sack

Mr. and Mrs. Julius M. Kahn — upon the engagement of their son Alvin A. to Phyllis Smarak

Condolences

Herman Postel — death of his father Jacob Postel

Michael Stowe — death of his father Julius Stofsky

Mrs. Beatrice Marblestone — death of her brother Samuel S. Breslin

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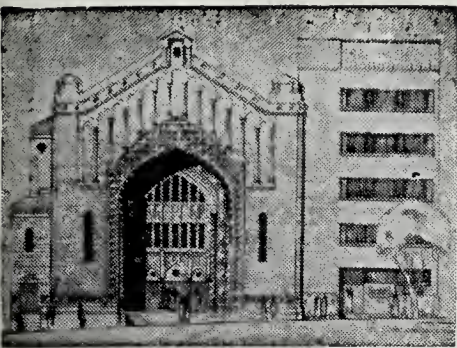
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Dr. Eric Werner Speaker Friday Eve, February 13

Our Friday evening service, February 13, will be devoted to the observance of Jewish Music Month.

Dr. Eric Werner, chairman of the faculty of Sacred Music of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, will be our guest speaker.

Recognized as one of the greatest living Hebrew musicologists, Dr. Werner is the author of a new book on Jewish Music, which was acclaimed when it appeared recently in London. During the past summer, he delivered a lecture dealing with the theme of his latest book before the great musicologists of Europe, and was honored with an award of a

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Dr. J. J. Theobald Guest Speaker At Parents Ass'n Friday Eve Service Jan. 30

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Funeral of Justice Cohn Held At Synagogue

The funeral service for former Justice Albert Cohn, a member of our congregation for many years, was held Friday, January 9, at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Rabbi Judah Nadich officiated at the services, assisted by Hazzan David J. Putterman, who chanted the Psalms, and Hazzan Friedman. Justice Martin Frank of the Appellate Division, First Department, and a protege of Justice Cohn, also spoke from the pulpit and referred to

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On January 30, the Parents Association will sponsor the Friday evening service at the Park Avenue Synagogue. The following members of the Parents Association will participate in the reading of the prayers: Mrs. Sam Deutsch, Mrs. Emil Forster, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mrs. James Leff, Mrs. Albert Siegel and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Dr. John Jacob Theobald, Superintendent of Schools of the City of New York, will be the guest speaker. Educated at Columbia University where he received his A.B., B.S., Ph.D., and LL.D. degrees, Dr. Theobald has had vast professional experience as an instructor in mathematics and in civil engineering. He served as a consulting engineer in the statistical division of the WPA in Washington, and also as administrative consultant for the Bureau of the Budget for the federal government and for the reorganization of the federal Real Estate Board.

In 1943, he was Adjunct Professor in the School of Engineering at Columbia University, and later became Dean of Administration at City College where he served until he was appointed president of Queens College in 1949. When the office of Deputy Mayor became vacant in 1956, Dr. Theobald was given a leave of absence from Queens College to accept appointment as Deputy Mayor of New York City by Mayor Robert F. Wagner. He served in that capacity until 1958, when he was designated Superintendent of Schools of the City of New York.

Dr. Theobald has many fine publications to his credit. Among them are "An Economic Analysis of Highway Administration in the State of New York", "Hydraulics for Firemen" and "Engineering for Society."

His activity in community affairs is extensive and includes membership on

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Parents Association Sabbath
Dr. John J. Theobald
Superintendent of Schools of New York City
Guest speaker
- Saturday Morning, January 31, 19599:30 A.M.
- Friday Evening, February 6, 19598:30 P.M.
Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"The Great Liberator and the People of the Book"
On Lincoln's 150th Birthday
- Saturday Morning, February 7, 19599:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah of Susan Price Carr
Daughter of Mr. Lewis Carr and Mrs. Dorislee Kadis Carr
- Friday Evening, February 13, 19598:30 P.M.
Dr. Eric Werner will speak on
"Musical Elements in the Dead Sea Scrolls"
In Observance of Jewish Music Month
- Saturday Morning, February 14, 19599:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah of Irene Klein
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Klein
Rabbi Judah Nadich will preach on the Scriptural Portion
each Sabbath morning.
- The services will be conducted by Rabbi Nadich and
Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ*

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"Job In Modern Dress"

Those who attended the Friday evening service January 9 at the synagogue were privileged to hear Rabbi Nadich discuss the new play "J.B." by Archibald MacLeish.

The rabbi's discourse from the pulpit made such a deep impression that we would like to publish excerpts for the benefit of those of our congregation who may have missed the opportunity to attend the service.

Rabbi Nadich discussed the play as "an ancient problem in modern dress." In the course of his remarks he said:

"The new play 'J.B.' is a recasting of the Biblical book of Job in a contemporary setting. It is the ancient problem clothed in modern dress. Therefore the theme becomes more pointed since it seems to affect us directly and personally. That Job could have been so magnificently transposed to a modern American setting shows the genuine eternity of the book and its theme.

"The theme is one that touches every life and is never completely solved. Essentially, it is how to harmonize the justice and goodness of God with the sufferings of man, especially when the sufferings seem to be undeserved. How is one to reconcile man's personal character with his personal destiny? The classical Hebrew formulation puts it in a concise manner which, freely translated, would be 'the righteous suffers, the wicked rejoices'. In 'J.B.' Nickles, who plays the part of Satan, puts it in a mocking jingle:

If God is God, He is not good
If God is good, He is not God,
Take the even, take the odd . . .

"In both Job and 'J.B.' the voice of God comes out of the whirlwind to reply to the declarations of protest by the hero. The Divine voice speaks of the magnificence, the might, the majesty of Creation and of the mysteries that form a part of the daily functioning of the

universe. The universe is full of riddles and secrets beyond human ken and the problem of human suffering is only one of a thousand problems which man cannot solve. So the answer—as much of an answer as it is—is to understand that you can never understand. The ways of God are beyond human fathoming. The finite cannot comprehend the infinite. . . .

"God says to Job—you are not going to get complete solution either of the universal mystery or of this one. Therefore, learn to face life's mystery with humility and with courage.

"And in 'J.B.' Archibald MacLeish seems to say that man, no matter what the catastrophe, the pain, the suffering, always picks up his pieces and keeps on going. That is his greatness, his crowning glory. That is what makes him man. Man accepts his life in spite of the hazards of pain and injustice, not because his sufferings are justified, but because he is a man.

"Nor can modern science answer the questions. The mystery remains.

"But man can be assisted and uplifted in the difficult task of living through love. What love does is to arm. It arms the worth of life in spite of life. . . .

"So in 'J.B.' Sarah, the wife of J. B., comes back to him at the end of the play. J. B. says to her: 'It's too dark to see.'

"Sarah, holding his face between her hands and kissing him, replies: 'Then blow on the coal of the heart, my darling.'

"Like Job, J. B. covers his mouth with his hand and acquiesces in the vast indifference of the universe, as must all men who truly face it, and takes back his life again. In love. To live. No greater lesson can be learned by any man."

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the Jamaica Hospital Board, the American Museum of Natural History Board, the Board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Temporary State Commission on Educational Finance and many others.

This is a rare opportunity to hear a learned educator, a gifted administrator and a man of great human understanding.

There will be an Oneg Shabbat in the Lemberg Auditorium following the service, to which all are invited.

Seminary Corner

The Jewish Theological Seminary has received an "Award of Recognition" for its "outstanding leadership and effort in behalf of the moral and spiritual welfare of our Armed Forces." The award was made by the Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America.

Since the wartime emergency, all Seminary rabbinical students volunteer to serve two years in the armed forces upon their graduation from the Seminary. Their assignments are made in cooperation with the Chaplaincy Availability Board of the Seminary and the Rabbinical Assembly. At the present time, eighteen are serving throughout the world.

Ramah Opens Canadian Camp

The first Camp Ramah in Canada will be ready for operation in the summer of 1960. This Camp, the fifth in the growing Ramah movement of Hebrew speaking camps, will be located in the Lakelands of the Muskoka Region in Ontario, Canada, and will serve the needs of Jewish communities throughout Canada. The Camps are operated by local committees in association with regional organizations of the United Synagogue of America.

Federation Honors David Picket

David Picket, who is now serving on the Advisory Council to the Board of Trustees, was the guest of honor of the Builders and Contractors Division of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies at the Division's annual dinner which was held on Thursday, January 22 at the Essex House.

Saul Horowitz, Jr., the son of Saul Horowitz who is a member of our Board of Trustees, is again serving as chairman of the Builders and Contractors Division. He said that Mr. Picket had been singled out for this honor because of his lengthy activities as "a leader in Federation and other communal causes."

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From The Editor's Note Book

A Suggested Guide

One of the most difficult problems confronting American Jewry is how to conduct a Jewish life, in the light of modern conditions under which Jews are living.

Many Jews, who feel that the strict code of orthodoxy does not meet their needs, are bewildered in their effort to find some standards for a guide which they can follow. Rejecting the regimen of strict observance, they are faced with the perplexing question of what and how much they must observe in order to be considered as "observing" Jews.

In their confusion they are not alone. The State of Israel has been wrestling with this issue at high governmental levels and still has been unable to define "What is a Jew" to the general satisfaction of all Israelis.

Where will the individual find the answer to this question? Should he accept only that which satisfies his own reason and experience and discard that which interferes with his daily routine of living or seems unnecessary or unreasonable?

The Reform movement recognized this dilemma among those who are members of Reform congregations. Several years ago, "A Guide for Reform Jews" was published in an effort to give Reform Jews some guide to what was required of them as American Jews in their daily family living.

Now the Conservative movement, through its Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, has issued suggested standards of synagogue practice to aid Conservative Jews in solving this problem. At least, the proposals will indicate to those who feel that they belong to Conservative Judaism what their co-religionists regard as fundamentals in observance.

Admittedly, the absence of any guide leaves the average Jew who wants to be identified with Judaism bewildered and lost. On the other hand, the establishment of a set of rigid standards imposing uniformity presents no solution.

Recognizing the importance of this problem, a special session of the leaders of the congregation, including members of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council, has been called to discuss the proposed standards suggested by the United Synagogue of America.

That the problem is difficult is undisputed, but ignoring it is not the solution.

Frank and serious discussion may, however, shed some light.

Christmas Gift of Rabbi Friedman

This is a simple story with a basic moral—a story that electrified the nation, when it was carried over the Associated Press wire service, over radio and TV stations, and in newspapers all over the nation.

For the past five years, Rabbi Samuel Friedman of Wilmington has spent Christmas day in the office of the Sheriff of New Hanover handling radio traffic and phone calls, so that the regular deputy sheriff in charge could be relieved from duty and thereby spend Christmas with his family.

Christmas, to Rabbi Friedman, is not a religious holiday nor does it have the same religious aspect as it does to his Gentile friends, yet this practical expression of tolerance for the belief of others has made a deep and significant impression.

The residents of Wilmington have known of this kindness on the part of Rabbi Friedman and they have been most appreciative. Now, the rest of the country has learned about it, and they, too, have expressed their approbation.

Yes, this is a simple story, a story of one person who wanted to help his fellow man, so that he might observe his day of worship with his family; but a story that points out how the simple things in life have the greatest impact on human relations.

—N.R.

Gen. Krulewitch Appointed Chairman State Commission

New honors have come to Maj. Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch, a member of our Board of Trustees for many years. Governor Roekefeller recently announced the appointment of Gen. Krulewitch as chairman of the State Athletic Commission.

A Marine reservist who fought in World Wars I and II as well as in the Korean War, General Krulewitch has achieved the highest rank of any Jew in the Marine Corps and is the holder of two Purple Hearts and many decorations and medals for heroism in combat. Last May he received the 1958 Americanism Award of the New York Department, Jewish War Veterans.

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Jewish Arbor Day Calls For Tree Planting In Israel

Tu B'shevat is the fifteenth day in the Jewish month of Shebat, which falls on January 24 this year.

Throughout the land of Israel, this day has been celebrated with the planting of trees. In the United States, Jewish Arbor Day has been observed by the raising of funds for the planting of trees in Israel.

The Jewish National Fund, which has assumed the responsibility for this afforestation program, has planted more than 31,000,000 trees to date, most of which cover the areas in the hills of Galilee and Judea and in the Negev.

Tree planting has become a part of Jewish life everywhere. In Jewish communities all over the world, it is customary to observe all Jewish festivities, holidays, Bar Mitzvahs, weddings and birthdays, with the planting of trees. In many instances, groves have been planted in honor of living persons or in memory of a beloved one. We, in the Park Avenue Synagogue, honored our president, Jacob Klein, on the occasion of his 79th birthday, by dedicating a grove in his name, and on his recent visit to Israel with his wife, Gertrude, they saw the special grove marked in honor of "Jacob Klein," our beloved president.

Each tree planted in Israel is a stake grounded in the land of Israel, a link with immortality.

David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel, in a recent message stressed the urgent need of trees in Israel. He said:

"We must plant hundreds of thousands of trees covering an area of five million dunams, one quarter of the surface of our country; we must cover the mountains and the uncultivated land, the hills and the sand dunes; the barren plains of the Negev, all the land of Edom and of the Arava, as far as Eilat."

If you wish to celebrate a joyous event, or honor some person, or memorialize a beloved departed, the planting of trees in Israel offers a wonderful opportunity to link the name of such person with the land of Israel. Mrs. I. Edward Gevirtz, who has been JNF chairman of the Milton Steinberg Hadasah group for the past three years, will be happy to receive your donations. The cost per tree is \$2.00. Write Mrs. Gevirtz, 16 East 96 Street, or phone her AT 9-6716.

—N.R.

Justice Cohn's Funeral

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His mentor's "lifetime of superlative public service, and his profound religious convictions, as well as his concern for the helpless." In a brief eulogy, Rabbi Nadich praised Justice Cohn for a "career characterized by the pursuit of righteousness and justice in society, from his early days as a prosecuting attorney through three decades on the bench."

More than 1000 people crowded the synagogue to pay their tribute of respect to a dear friend. Representatives of the bench as well as leaders of several philanthropic and religious groups were present.

The list of honorary pallbearers included many city and state officials and seventy members of the judiciary. Among those in attendance were Justice Stanley Fuld of the Court of Appeals; Justice Bernard Botein, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, his colleague Justice James B. M. McNally, and former Presiding Justice David Peck; Supreme Court Justices Saul S. Streit, Samuel M. Gold, Arthur A. Klein, Birdie Amsterdam, Irving H. Saypol, Henry Epstein and Edgar J. Nathan, Jr. Also acting as honorary pallbearers were Judges Irving R. Kaufman and Sidney Sugerman representing their associates in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York; Judge Abraham N. Geller of the Court of General Sessions; and Surrogates Joseph A. Cox and S. Samuel DiFalco of New York County, and Christopher McGrath of Bronx County.

Also included in the group were State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz and his predecessor, Nathaniel Goldstein; District Attorneys Frank S. Hogan of New York County, and Daniel V. Sullivan of Bronx County; former Supreme Court Justices Morris Eder, Ferdinand Pecora, Samuel I. Rosenman and Louis A. Valente; and retired Surrogates William T. Collins and George Frankenthaler.

Appointed to the Appellate Division, First Department in 1936, Justice Albert Cohn started his public career as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County in 1917. He served in the office of the prosecutor until his appointment as Chief Assistant District Attorney six years later, in which capacity he continued until 1925, when he was appointed and then elected to the Bronx County

UJA Appoints Mrs. Sack Chairman

Mrs. Benjamin Sack, who has successfully chaired Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood's campaign for the United Jewish Appeal for many years, has been elevated to the post of Chairman of the Manhattan Organizations of UJA's Women's Division. In addition to this responsibility, Mrs. Sack will continue to serve as chairman of Sisterhood's 1959 campaign, together with Mrs. Abel Phillips as co-chairman.

For many years Mrs. Sack has been one of the leaders of the UJA Women's Division and has never hesitated to undertake additional responsibilities. Her new post will cover a broader area of Manhattan Organizations. This division has been one of the most loyal and generous groups supporting UJA. It was formerly under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, also a member of our synagogue.

Assisting Mrs. Sack will be Mrs. Irwin H. Rome who will serve as Treasury Gifts Chairman.

Mrs. Louis Kaplan has accepted chairmanship of the UJA 1959 campaign for the Parents Association of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

It is a compliment to the women of our synagogue that so many have been selected to head key posts in the UJA Women's Division. We congratulate Mrs. Benjamin Sack upon this recognition of her devoted service to UJA over the past years.

Court. In 1929, he was appointed and elected to the Supreme Court, and served in that tribunal until 1936, when he was designated to the Appellate Division, in which Court he served until his retirement in 1955.

His communal activities were many. Despite his active law and judicial career, Justice Cohn gave devoted service to the B'nai B'rith, serving as president of its New York District for two terms. He was a former vice chairman of the UJA in the Bronx and until his retirement, he served as chairman of the judiciary committee of UJA. He was also chairman of the Bronx Lawyers Division of Federation and the Bronx Campaign Chairman of Federation's annual appeals.

To Mrs. Cohn, her son Roy, and the members of the family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Judge Sanford H. Cohen Leaves Synagogue Legacy

Hon. Maxwell Shapiro, chairman of the recently created Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests, has announced that the late Judge Sanford H. Cohen has named the Park Avenue Synagogue as a beneficiary under his will for a \$1,000 legacy.

Since the creation of this Committee, which is seeking to build a Capital Endowment Fund to insure the future of the Synagogue, several of our influential members have changed their wills to include the Park Avenue Synagogue as a beneficiary. They realize how important such a Fund is if we are to build for the future.

Corporations may give up to 5% of their net income each year, and individuals may give up to 30% of their adjusted gross income to Temples, hospitals and educational institutions.

The United States Government encourages the giving to such organizations. Gifts to the Park Avenue Synagogue and to the Milton Steinberg House during one's lifetime are welcome as well as tax deductible.

Sanford H. Cohen Fund Continues To Increase

Since the publication of the last issue of the BULLETIN, additional contributions have been received in memory of the late Judge Sanford H. Cohen.

These include Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morrell, Dr. and Mrs. Harold S. Osserman, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sack, and Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Synagogue Plans Seminary Dinner

A special committee has been appointed by Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, to plan for a dinner to be given later in the spring for the Jewish Theological Seminary.

I. M. Cohen has been designated chairman of this Seminary Committee, which will include Saul Godwin, General Melvin Krulewitch, Samuel Lemberg, Benjamin Sack and Sidney Silberman. A preliminary report was submitted by the committee at the last meeting of the Board and according to present plans, the dinner will be held sometime in April or May. Details will be published in the BULLETIN as soon as definite arrangements have been made.

Sisterhood Meets Tuesday, February 17

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Sisterhood is planning an exciting program for its open meeting on Tuesday, February 17.

Following luncheon at noon, to which all are invited, Mrs. Judah Nadich and Mrs. David J. Putterman will conduct a Sabbath Institute which will demonstrate the beautiful Sabbath table with its ceremonial objects, endeared in the Jewish home by custom and tradition from one generation to the next. Mrs. David Rapaport will be chairman of this part of the program.

Mrs. Nadich will explain the history of of the Sabbath—past and present—as well as the traditional food usually served at the Friday evening dinner. Hazzan Putterman will lead the audience in the singing of songs appropriate for ushering in the Sabbath. Mrs. Putterman will be in charge of arranging the lovely Sabbath table. Copies of menus and recipes will be given to each guest present.



MRS. EMANUEL SINER

The audience will also have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Emanuel Siner, National Torah Fund Chairman, who will speak on this Fund. She will be introduced by Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, chairman of the Torah Fund at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Educated at Columbia, Mrs. Siner, who received her LL.B. at St. Lawrence University, is a member of the New York State Bar and one of the founders of the Queens County Women's Bar Association. Among her many activities, Mrs. Siner is an honorary vice-president of the Jewish Publication Society of America and a member of the Board of Overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Active in the affairs of the

National Women's League of the United Synagogue since 1939, Mrs. Siner has served as president of the Metropolitan Branch, National vice-president, and, since 1950, as National president of that organization.

Gift Shop

Before the meeting, the Gift Shop under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles Bennet and Mrs. Jacob Boneparth, will be open to give you an opportunity to make your selection of charming, useful gifts. The receipts from these sales go to Sisterhood's Offering Fund.

Ceremonial Objects

Mrs. Milton Heller reminds us that she has many beautiful, new, ceremonial objects for sale. Some are on display in the foyer of the Milton Steinberg House. She particularly suggests that the kiddush cups and charming ceremonial plates will make very appropriate gifts for all occasions. Call Irma (AT 9-5500) and she will be happy to display these treasures to you.

Supper Party Social Success

Sisterhood's annual supper party was held Sunday evening, January 18, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

After a delicious buffet supper which won the praise of the most epicurean in taste, the guests enjoyed an evening of sociability, cards and games. Numerous door prizes were donated by members of the Executive Board of Sisterhood under the chairmanship of Mrs. Herman Bronstein.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Paul Bercu, chairman of the party, and to her committee for a job well done. Serving on the planning committee were: Mrs. Jack Boneparth, Mrs. Samuel Gellert, Mrs. Milton Heller, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg and Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow. Mrs. Marvin Spiegel was in charge of the cards and games.

Dr. Werner To Speak On Jewish Music Month

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noted prize for this lecture.

We are indebted to Hazzan Putterman for arranging for Dr. Werner's appearance at our synagogue in connection with our observance of Jewish Music Month. This is a rare opportunity for the members of our congregation to hear this noted musicologist.

A special musical program is being prepared by Hazzan Putterman for the occasion.

Men's Club Tax Symposium May Provide Answers

By HARVEY GLASSER

Taxes, taxes, taxes. As we head into 1959 and April 15 approaches, the newspapers, radio and TV are overflowing with news and advice about taxes: the new taxes to come and what to do about those we already have. Men's Club cannot do very much, at this point, about the new taxes which may be imposed, but, at our Tax Symposium, to be held on Tuesday evening, February 24, the panel of experts will try to answer questions and solve problems concerning the present tax laws.

It is important to note that the Men's Club Tax Symposium will be conducted with the cooperation of the New York Society of Certified Public Accountants. Our panel of experts will be made up of our own Men's Club members, all members of the Board of Governors of the New York Society of CPA's, and it will include: Samuel Kaplan, moderator, Samuel Kraft, Isidore Sack and Milton M. Sivek.

In order to make the discussion particularly informative and keep it on a practical level, you are requested to send in your questions ahead of time to Tax Symposium, c/o Men's Club, 50 East 87th Street, New York City. If you have ever had those April 15 blues, and who hasn't, this is a meeting which you will not want to miss. Of course, all your taxpayer friends are welcome too.

On January 27, Men's Club presented Hon. Charles Abrams, Chairman of the State Commission Against Discrimination, who discussed "Discrimination and the Law." He dealt with the activities of the Commission in the fields of employment, public accommodations and housing. We are all very grateful to Mr. Abrams for the personal insight he gave us into the work of the Commission.

Joseph H. Katz Speaks Eternal Light Program

Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue, has been invited to be the guest speaker on the Eternal Light program, Sunday, February 1, at 12:30 P.M.

The program will be heard over WRCA radio on a coastwide network.

Youth Activities

By JERRY GOODMAN

Teen-Agers — U.S.Y.

Now that exams have been completed, the teenagers have many functions that will help enrich their program of a full social and cultural schedule.

Coming before Brotherhood week, the Study Group will visit a number of churches in our community to gain a better understanding of various aspects of Christianity. The tour, which will include the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Church of the Heavenly Rest, among others, will take place on February 8. For interested teen-age members a few vacancies in the study group still exist. See Jerry Goodman for more information.

Ten representatives from our United Synagogue Youth (U.S.Y.) teen-age clubs will take part in a week-end conference (Kinus), February 13-15, at Congregation Emanu-El, Mt. Vernon. This will be for the entire lower Hudson Valley Council of U.S.Y., encompassing Manhattan, Bronx, Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties. Our representatives have been asked to put on the Friday evening program, as part of an Oneg Shabbat, and they have been busy working for the last three weeks. It is an honor for our USY'ers, and an indication of the level of achievement we have reached. Among the officers of the Council are three young people from our synagogue. These are Michael Gelfand, Robert Fischer, and Jacky Finkel. In addition, a number of our members serve as chairmen of numerous local and regional committees of U.S.Y. They are causing the influence of Park Avenue Synagogue to be widespread through their participation as active USY'ers.

Arts and Crafts Clubs

With the beginning of the new school term, we are arranging to make room for more youngsters who may wish to participate in our Arts and Crafts Clubs. These groups meet each Wednesday, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and from 4:50-5:50 p.m. They are divided according age, with a range of 7-13 years.

All sorts of media, including copper, clay, and paint, are used to help give expression to creative feelings. Mrs. Sylvia Cohen, an able and experienced instructor, conducts both sessions.

More information can be obtained from the Youth Activities office, Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

UJA Symphony Concert

The 21st annual campaign of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal will be inaugurated at a symphony concert under the baton of Leopold Stokowski on Monday, February 16, at Carnegie Hall. The soloist will be George Neikrug, well known cellist.

This concert, featuring the Symphony of the Air, represents a departure from the traditional Opening Rally which has signalized the beginning of the Women's Division drive for many years. Admission to the concert will be limited to those women attending Special Gifts luncheons for UJA prior to the concert itself. It is expected that more than 1,500 women will attend this unique event which will be a musical as well as a philanthropic milestone.

The 1959 drive is most urgent, for it must raise sufficient funds to deal with the rising migration from Eastern Europe and Moslem countries to Israel and to replace Israel's refugee slums with decent housing. It is hoped that a 100-million-dollar special fund will be collected during the current campaign.

The chairman of the Women's Division campaign throughout the metropolitan area will be Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, a member of our Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Burt Siris, both of whom served in the same posts last year.

Gen. Krulewitch Appointed

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His community service activities have included many top posts with the National Jewish Welfare Board and the UJA of Greater New York. In 1956, the Jewish Theological Seminary honored him with an award for "his able leadership in mobilizing public interest in the program of the Seminary", and in the same year, UJA presented him with the Freedom Lamp for his untiring efforts in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

We congratulate our colleague and co-worker for this new honor which has come to him and wish him well in his new office.

MEN'S CLUB THEATRE PARTY "RASHOMON"

Wednesday evening, March 11

Have You Made

Your Reservation?

We suggest you had better hurry

Only a few seats still left

Condolences

Mrs. Albert Cohn—death of her husband, Hon. Albert Cohn, and to Roy Cohn—death of his father

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gross—death of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Hanne Gross

Mrs. William Heller—death of her mother, Mrs. Molly Landa

Abraham Liebovitz—death of his brother, Dr. Sidney Liebowitz

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennet—upon the marriage of their daughter Carol Sydney to Bernard Schoenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Cohen—upon the engagement of their daughter Deborah to I. M. Lewinson

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glasser—upon the birth of a daughter

Dr. and Mrs. Selig M. Ginsburg—upon the birth of a daughter Elizabeth Sarah

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Haft—upon the engagement of their son Richard J. to Miss Lynn Gold

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Honig—upon their 25th Wedding Anniversary, one of the first couples to have been married by the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg and Hazzan David J. Putterman

Mr. and Mrs. Herman S. Meltzer—upon the engagement of their son Laurence to Miss Karen Gerstenzang

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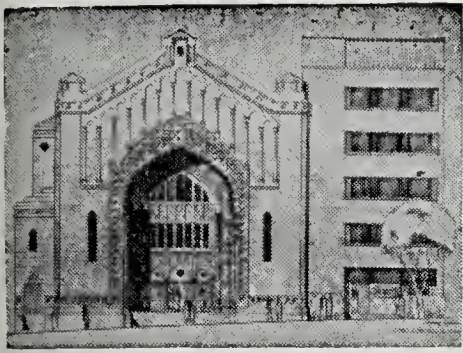
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Tillie Heller Funeral Held At Synagogue

The funeral service for Mrs. Louis Heller, known to most of us as Tillie, was held at the Park Avenue Synagogue on Monday afternoon, February 9, 1959. Rabbi Judah Nadich officiated at the service, together with Hazzan David J. Putterman who chanted the Psalms and Hazzan Abraham Friedman. An abbreviated service was held because the funeral took place on Rosh Hodesh.

At the time of her death, Tillie Heller was approaching her 94th birthday, and as Rabbi Nadich pointed out she had enjoyed "a long and rich and creative life." She was one of the oldest members of our congregation, having been affiliated with the old 86th Street Temple which built and organized what is now

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All-Day Youth Sabbath To Be Celebrated Saturday, February 28

By JERRY GOODMAN

On Saturday, February 28, the teen-age youth groups of the Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Activities Division will hold their annual Sabbath service in the main synagogue. The teen-agers, under the guidance of Hazzan Putterman and Hazzan Friedman, have again accepted the responsibility for the conduct of the entire service.

Schedule of Synagogue Coming Events

Congregants will be pleased to learn that Purim this year, as in the past, will be celebrated by the reading of the Megillah and a very pleasant Purim party in the Lemberg Auditorium. The date: Monday evening, March 23.

A community Seder will be held on the second Seder night, Thursday even-

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The young people, many of whom are products of our Religious School and are now members of our United Synagogue Youth groups, will chant the Haftorah, read the weekly portion from the Torah, preach the sermon and lead the service. This service is an opportunity for all participants to use the learning and Jewish skills acquired in earlier, formal training. It permits all of the young people to identify actively with the entire congregation.

Among the participants in the service will be Tomi Deutsch, Tina Gluckstern, Joan Helpert, Bruce Kogan, Stanley Kurzweil, Jeffrey Mehlman, Mark Siegel and John Stangel.

Mrs. Herman Helpert, chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, has had the aid of a conscientious group of women in the preparations. Luncheon will be provided for the teen-agers and their invited guests under the aegis of Mrs. Harry Zucker, chairman, and Mmes. Jack Kurzweil, Adolph Stangel and Nelson Ruttenberg.

The afternoon will be devoted to workshops and discussion groups seeking a better understanding of the Sabbath. Under the guidance of Moshe Pomerantz and Ben Frank, members of the staff, with Jerry Goodman, director, they will explore the essence of the Sabbath through custom and ceremony, the Sabbath and the Torah, and its place in Jewish family living. There will also be a dance workshop utilizing Israeli folk dances, and a program discussion.

The Youth Sabbath will close with a semi-formal dance in the Lemberg Auditorium.

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, February 20, 19598:30 P.M.
"Is Knowledge An Antidote For Bigotry?"

Saturday Morning, February 21, 19599:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Simeon J. Grater
Son of Mrs. Fannie Grater

Friday Evening, February 27, 19598:30 P.M.
"Laughter Through Tears"

On the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Sholom Aleichem

Saturday Morning, February 28, 19599:30 A.M.
Youth Sabbath Service

**The entire service will be conducted by the members
of the synagogue youth groups**

Friday Evening, March 6, 19598:30 P.M.
"The Intellectual and His Judaism"

Saturday Morning, March 7, 19599:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Marc Bennett Leichtling
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leichtling

**Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak each Friday evening
and will preach on the Scriptural Portion each Sabbath morning.**

*The services will be conducted by Rabbi Nadich and
Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ*

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Brotherhood

"A stranger shalt thou not wrong,
neither shalt thou oppress him."

This is the injunction contained in Exodus xxii and was the text of Rabbi Nadich's sermon on the scriptural portion last Saturday morning.

As was pointed out by Rabbi Nadich, this was the first instance where men were told to treat others decently, "not because they are members of the same family or clan or community or people, but because they are human beings."

The State of Virginia, Rabbi Nadich observed, and especially the school-children of Arlington and Norfolk, deserved special mention because for the first time last week Negro and white children went to school together peacefully in those cities. Law and the observance of the decisions of the highest court in the land are the basis of any democratic society, otherwise there is chaos and disorder and violence.

Despite the inter-faith movement and the sincere efforts of men of good-will to eliminate the discrimination still existing, we find it present in many forms. In referring to this, Rabbi Nadich said: "Discrimination against the Jews is not yet at an end. While not so overt or so virulent as the bias against Negroes, it exists in various forms in housing, employment and social and resort facilities."

Is it too much to hope that the day is not too far distant when the stranger shall not be wronged nor oppressed, and the dignity of man shall prevail? Is this not the essence of all religion?

— N.R.

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the Park Avenue Synagogue.

In her younger days, Mrs. Heller headed a chapter of the True Sisters, and was active in the work of the New York Philanthropic League for Handicapped Children. As Rabbi Nadich said in his brief eulogy, she was "a deeply religious woman whose generation laid the foundations for Jewish life and the many institutions which exist today throughout the country." She was also active in the Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood and was regarded as one of its most "admired and respected senior members."

Mrs. Heller left two surviving sons, Milton and Sidney, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her grandson Louis Heller served as secretary of the Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue as well as editor of the Men's Club "Memo". He also served on the Ritual Committee of the congregation.

Mrs. Milton Heller, her daughter-in-law, better known to us as Irma, has been one of the most active workers in our congregation. She served as president of Sisterhood, as secretary of the Religious School Board, and at present is chairman of Sisterhood's ceremonial and gift shop committee.

Milton Heller, one of her sons, was a trustee of our congregation for many years and also served on the Advisory Council to the Board of Trustees, as well as on the Ushering Committee.

All of us deeply sympathize with the members of the Heller family on their great loss.

Federation Appoints Mrs. Edward Peiper

Another active worker from Sisterhood's ranks has been appointed to serve in the current campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Mrs. Edward Peiper, a former president of Sisterhood and a member of the Advisory Council of the Board of Trustees of Park Avenue Synagogue, has been designated as co-chairman of the Manhattan Person-to-Person campaign by the Women's Division of Federation.

Thousands of volunteers will be participating in the Federation campaign through "house captains", so that the urgency of this year's appeal may be brought home to everyone.

Seminary Corner

The following schedule has been prepared for the fifteenth anniversary of The Eternal Light program on WRCA radio on Sundays at 12:30 P.M. It is celebrating a milestone in its radio broadcasting career of fifteen years of continuous broadcasting on the coast-to-coast network of the National Broadcasting Company.

February 22 — *Not Even Ten* by Joseph Mindel. Dramatizes the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah because there were not even ten men who would stand up for justice in those cities.

March 1 — *Ben Franklin and the Liberty Bell* by Joseph Mindel. Highlights Franklin's part in urging the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and his efforts on behalf of civil liberties and freedom of the press.

March 8 — *An American Ballad* by Irve Tunick. The story of Rabbi Henry Cohen and how he took up the cause of the sick, poor and needy regardless of their race or religion, winning the respect of all those who knew him.

Jewish Home Beautiful

A thousand miles may separate Harry and Dorothy Sokolow from the Park Avenue Synagogue but its activities are still close to their hearts.

Although they are supposed to be resting in sunny Florida, Dorothy finds time to concern herself with one of Sisterhood's most important projects. A letter has come to the editor from Dorothy asking that we remind the members of the congregation, as well as Sisterhood, to reserve Tuesday evening, April 14, when Sisterhood will present the Jewish Home Beautiful.

Dorothy Sokolow, who is chairman of this mammoth function, is arranging the program which will be directed and narrated by Mrs. Ceil B. Ruskay. For those who have not seen this beautiful dramatization of the customs and ceremonies depicting the Jewish holidays, a rare treat is in store for them. For those who have been privileged to see it previously, they will not want to miss the opportunity to see it again.

Further details regarding this event and the names of those who will participate will be published in subsequent issues of the BULLETIN.

Meanwhile put the date in your diary — Tuesday, April 14.

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Friday Evening Service
Devoted to
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**"SYNAGOGUE MUSIC
OF MANY LANDS"**

Sisterhood News

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Sisterhood presented a very fine program at its open meeting Tuesday, February 17.

Following a delicious luncheon at noon, two of Sisterhood's members, Mrs. Judah Nadich and Mrs. David J. Putterman, conducted an inspirational Sabbath Institute. Mrs. David Rapoport, chairman of this phase of the program, introduced Mrs. Nadich who explained the theme of the Sabbath Institute. Mrs. Nadich traced the historical significance of the beautiful Sabbath ceremony which included a discussion of the traditional menu with the customary Sabbath evening food, the songs which usher in the Sabbath, and the charming table decorations. The magnificent table with its lovely table cloth, its glowing Sabbath candles and ceremonial symbols was the artistic creation of Mrs. Putterman. Hazzan Putterman taught the melodies that help enrich the cultural and inspirational observance of the Sabbath.

Each of the guests present received a printed copy of the appropriate menus and recipes for the Sabbath meal.

The audience also had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Emanuel Siner, National Torah Fund chairman, who gave an interesting talk on the Torah Fund. Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, chairman of the Torah Fund of Sisterhood, introduced Mrs. Siner and told of her many activities in the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America.

Reserve Tuesday, March 17

A date to jot down in your diary—Tuesday, March 17—the afternoon when Sisterhood will present an informative program on the crisis facing World Jewry today. Mrs. Ben Sack, chairman of the Manhattan United Jewish Appeal Organizations, as well as chairman of Sisterhood's UJA, will be chairman of this meeting. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. A. Louis Oresman, one of New York's most outstanding leaders in UJA Women's Division. Sisterhood will also present Rachel Nadav, foremost Yemenite dancer and singer, who will entertain with ancestral songs and dances. Complete details of this important meeting will appear in the next BULLETIN.

DAILY MINYAN
The Appleman Chapel
at 5:45 P.M.

Under the sponsorship of the
Men's Club

Tax Symposium Feb. 24 Presented By Men's Club

By HARVEY GLASSER

At the next meeting of Men's Club, to be held on Tuesday evening, February 24, at 8:30 P.M., in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Synagogue. Men's Club will present a Tax Symposium devoted to a discussion of the current tax situation as it affects all of us.

The Tax Symposium will be conducted with the cooperation of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants and in cooperation with the American Institute of C.P.A.'s.

Panelists will be Samuel Kaplan, moderator, Samuel Kraft, Isidore Sack and Milton M. Sivek, all of whom are members of the New York State Society of C.P.A.'s and the American Institute of C.P.A.'s, and members of our Men's Club as well.

Preceding the panel discussion there will be a short film depicting the actual audit procedure of a taxpayer's return being examined by the Internal Revenue Service. The position of the taxpayer, his representatives, and the examining agent are graphically presented in this film.

The panelists will discuss topics of general interest to the business and professional man including, but not limited to, security transactions, contributions and other deductions, travel and entertainment expenses and the recent 1958 changes in the tax law and regulations.

Remember to send in your reservations and checks for Men's Club's Theater Party on March 11 for that smash hit, "Rashomon".

If you have any questions
to submit to the panel of experts
Be sure to send them in advance to
TAX SYMPOSIUM
c/o MEN'S CLUB
50 East 87th Street
New York City

Youth Sabbath Service

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Registration for the day will take place at meetings, or at the Youth Activities office on Monday and Thursday afternoons. There will be one registration fee to cover the luncheon, program kits and the dance. Those who cannot spend the Sabbath with us will pay a separate admission fee for the dance, at night.

Religious School News

By MARTIN LEICHTLING

Washington's Birthday

The Primary Department will conduct classes on Sunday, February 22. The Hebrew Department will not conduct classes on Monday, February 23, 1959.

Federation Sunday

"Federation Sunday" will be observed by the Religious School on February 22. On this day, the students will complete a unit of study on *Tzedakah* with particular reference to the work of the various agencies supported by Federation. Each student will be provided with a special envelope so that he may make a personal contribution to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and learn the true meaning of giving.

During the school year the contributions made by the students to Keren Ami each week are accumulated and at the close of the year are allotted to various philanthropic causes. This practice will be continued this year, but it was felt that the work of Federation is so significant and wide in scope that every child in the school should be familiar with Federation and should be given an opportunity to participate in its work.

Youth Activities

By JERRY GOODMAN

U.S.Y. Youth Groups

The senior and junior U.S.Y. groups which meet each Sunday afternoon are looking forward to the forthcoming Youth Sabbath on February 28.

Even as plans for the Youth Sabbath are going into final operation, committees are undertaking the organization of the Fifth Annual U.J.A. Dance on Saturday, March 28, at 8:30 P.M.

Brownie Troop

The many girls who are in Brownie Troop 3-435 have planned ahead for an active half-year. Once-a-month excursions are planned under capable guidance. These will include many museums in the city, the United Nations area etc. Other meetings will incorporate arts and crafts work and sewing as part of the program.

In the spirit of better international understanding and cooperation, troop members are writing to another troop in far-off Japan. This project has promises of genuine pleasure as well as educational value for all the girls in the troop.

Parents Purim Workshop

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Again this year, Parents Association, under the capable leadership of Mrs. A. Stangel, will sponsor a Purim Workshop on March 2, 3 and 4 from 3:00-4:30 P.M. in the lobby of the Milton Steinberg House.

For those whose children or grandchildren dream of appearing in the annual synagogue Purim Masquerade as beautiful Queen Esther, or vicious Haman, or Mordecai, or any of the intriguing characters of Jewish history, this is a wonderful opportunity to make those dreams a reality. For the very nominal charge of \$1.25, a do-it-yourself kit of material, trimmings and everything necessary for the creation of a longed-for costume may be obtained. These kits are available at this nominal price only because of the generosity of one of our members who has donated these materials—all beautiful silks and satins.

Mrs. Stangel will gladly offer suggestions to help you create authentic costumes and will refer you to a section in the Cohen Library in the Milton Steinberg House which has been set aside to help you with your designs. The profits from this enterprise will be used by Parents Association to further the work of future workshops.

Those who have visited the Purim Workshop in previous years will recall how popular this Workshop has become. Under the supervision of Mrs. Stangel, this year's project promises to be more helpful than ever. This is your opportunity to gladden the hearts of your youngsters with the most original costumes in the Purim Parade.

Parents Association Sabbath

The Friday Evening Service held on January 30, which was designated as the Parents Association Sabbath, was well attended. Due to illness, Dr. John J. Theobald was unable to appear, but we were privileged to hear Dr. Jacob Greenberg, Deputy Superintendent of Schools of the City of New York. Dr. Greenberg discussed many of the problems confronting the Board of Education and its effort to meet these problems, in view of the limitations on capital outlay for new buildings so sorely needed in our city.

Following the service, the audience had the opportunity to meet Dr. Green-

Coming Synagogue Events

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ing. April 23, following the religious services, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

The 77th annual congregational dinner and meeting will take place as scheduled on Sunday evening, May 17, at the synagogue.

Friday evening services of special interest include the commemoration of the ninth Yahrzeit of Rabbi Milton Steinberg of blessed memory, to take place April 10; the Men's Club Sabbath, on Friday evening, April 17; and the closing late Friday night service of the year, the fifteenth annual Liturgical Music program, on May 8.

Greece Honors Lewis Gruber

Lewis Gruber, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, has been formally enrolled in the Royal Order of the Phoenix, one of the highest civilian honors Greece can award.

The presentation was made by Ambassador Alexis S. Liatis by order of King Paul of the Hellenes, for Mr. Gruber's contribution to the development of Greek-American commerce, and particularly for his efforts on behalf of the Greek tobacco industry.

Mr. Gruber is chairman and chief executive officer of P. Lorillard Co.

Dr. Foa Lectures

Dr. Bruno Foa, a member of our congregation, delivered a talk recently at the Theodor Herzl Institute. His subject was Rome, in a series on Great Jewish Communities. Unfortunately, news of this lecture did not reach this desk in time to announce it to BULLETIN readers prior to the date of the lecture.

Dr. Foa, an economic consultant, is recognized in international circles as an authority in his field.

berg informally in a question and answer period at the Oneg Shabbat in the Lemberg Auditorium, at which Rabbi Nadich presided.

Arrangements for the Oneg Shabbat were under the supervision of Mrs. A. Stangel, and hospitality was under the chairmanship of Mrs. James Leff and her committee.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Balaban—upon their 30th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dubin—upon the birth of granddaughter, Melissa Beth Cates, and to the parents Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cates

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Gillette—upon their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green—upon their 10th Wedding Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Q. Jonas—upon the engagement of their son Alan B. to Miss Barbara Feldman

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin H. Rome—upon their 20th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sack—upon their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Isidor Sack—upon his 70th Birthday

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Schube—upon the birth of their son Peter

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Spiegel—upon their 30th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. Wick—upon their 10th Wedding Anniversary

Condolences

Jerome Freedman—death of his father, Harry A. Freedman

Milton and Sidney Heller—death of their mother, Mrs. Tillie Heller

Mrs. Ceil Selig—death of her sister, Mrs. Mae Hendler

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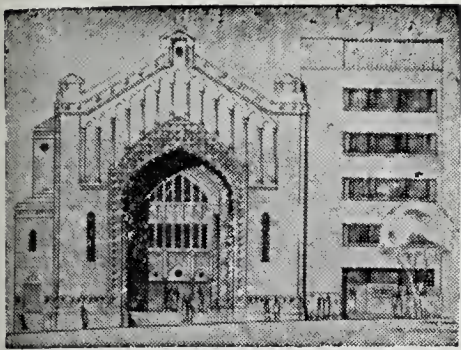
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Synagogue Purim Service Monday Eve., March 23

By HOWARD KIEVAL

Purim will be celebrated on Monday evening, March 23, with the traditional reading of the Megillah, to be followed by an entertainment in the Lemberg Auditorium, it was announced by Howard Kieval, chairman of the Purim Committee.

Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman, assisted by Hazzan Friedman, will officiate at the reading of the Megillah, commencing at 7:45 P.M.

At the conclusion of the service the entertainment will feature Reuben Singer, dramatic monologist and entertainer, and a member of the faculty of the Park Avenue Synagogue Adult Education program; Yaffa and Zamiri, Israeli singers; and the United Synagogue Youth group dance unit. Hazzan Putter-

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Friday Evening Service, March 13, Presents "Synagogue Music of Many Lands"

Milton Steinberg Lecture Series Begins April 10

The annual series of lectures in memory of the late beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg will begin with the Friday evening service annually held on the day closest to his *yahrzeit*, which this year will be Friday evening, April 10.

The other lectures in the series will be held on the two following Monday evenings, April 13 and April 20.

The theme of this year's series will be "The American Jewish Community." Eminent scholars and lecturers have been invited to participate and a full statement about them will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN. In the meanwhile, it is suggested that the three evenings be reserved by our congregants.

At the Friday evening service on March 13, 1959, the Park Avenue Synagogue will present an unusual program featuring synagogue music of many lands. Each liturgical composition is the work of a different composer and the variety will illustrate the richness of the Jewish liturgical repertoire.

Hazzan David J. Putterman and the choir will chant the service with Rabbi Judah Nadich giving the program notes on the music and the countries of their origin.

The composers represented in the service are among the greatest in the history of synagogue music of the past four centuries and go from Salomone de Rossi of the seventeenth century to Sulzer, Schorr, and Lewandowski of the nineteenth century and Kurt Weill, Leon Al-gazi and Zavel Zilberts of the twentieth century.

The countries in which the various composers resided and whose own music their work frequently reflects are Italy, Russia, England, Germany, Yemen, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Austria and the United States. Printed programs will be distributed so as to lend greater educational value to the service.

Friday Evening Service, March 27, Designated National Council Of Jewish Women Sabbath

The Friday evening service on March 27 has been designated the Council of Jewish Women Sabbath. Throughout the United States during the Purim festival, two hundred and forty sections of the National Council of Jewish Women will be celebrating the Council Sabbath in commemoration of the historic humanitarian role of Jewish women as exemplified by Queen Esther.

Our guest speaker on that occasion will be Mrs. David Sher, vice-president of the New York section of the National Council of Jewish Women, who will discuss "Womanhood — the Greatest Career." Also participating in the service will be Mrs. Joseph G. Druss, an active member of our synagogue, Mrs. Jack Goldfarb, Mrs. Sanford Samuel and Mrs. Benjamin R. Theise, all vice-presidents of that organization.

Mrs. David Sher, a graduate of Smith College who attended the New York School of Social Work, has served as

chairman for Council's Service for Foreign Born for more than five years. She was a chairman of the board of United Service for New Americans and a member of its board since its founding. She also served as chairman of the Women's Division of Joint Defense Appeal and as vice-chairman of the Social and Cultural Committee of the National Refugee Service.

In addition to her many other activities, Mrs. Sher is a member of the board of trustees of the Child Development Center, a member of the executive committee of the New York Association for New Americans and of the Jewish Child Care Association and several other organizations.

She also is a member of the Harmonie Club, the Century Country Club and Lotos Club.

It is anticipated that many Council members and their families will attend

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Board Of Trustees Fills Two Vacancies

The vacancies existing in the Board of Trustees due to the death of Judge Sanford H. Cohen and the resignation of Arthur Ochs were filled at the previous meeting of the Board.

Joseph H. Mandelbaum and Emanuel Hochman, both of whom have served as members of the Advisory Council for several years, were elected to serve as trustees until the next annual election. The experience gained by the new trustees while serving on the Advisory Council will be of tremendous help in their new posts as members of the Board of Trustees.

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A Tribute To Arthur Ochs

Our by-laws provide that any member of the Board of Trustees, "who has rendered conspicuous service to the synagogue", may be elected an honorary trustee.

But how does one evaluate "conspicuous service?" Is it to be measured by the publicity it attains or the public attention it attracts? Unfortunately, there are some people who would apply such a yardstick. But there is a kind of service that is just as notable, just as eminent, just as prominent, and regarded by many others just as conspicuous in every sense of the word.

That describes the kind of service rendered by Arthur Ochs to the Park Avenue Synagogue for a period covering more than three decades.

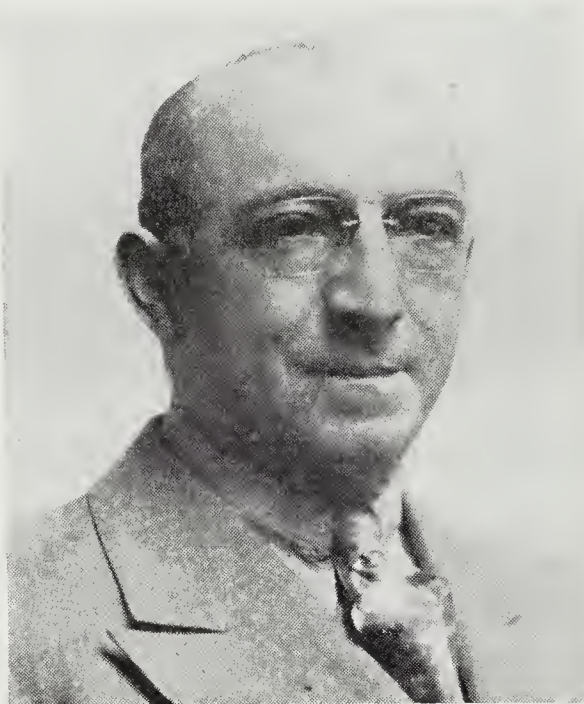
When many of us speak of the Park Avenue Synagogue, we think of the congregation that occupies our present house of worship. However, our congregation even under its present name of Park Avenue Synagogue started before that time. In 1921, Congregation Beth Israel Bickur Cholim affiliated with Congregation Agudath Jeshorim, which then worshipped in the temple on East 86th Street. The name of Agudath Jeshorim was changed in 1923 to the Park Avenue Synagogue.

At that time, Arthur Ochs was a member of the Board of Trustees of that congregation, so that his services as a member of our Board cover a span of at least thirty-six years.

When the property that now houses our congregation was purchased in 1925, Arthur Ochs served as chairman of the building committee that undertook the creation of our beautiful synagogue.

There are still some of us who recall the depression days of the early thirties, but we usually associate that depression with its effect on individuals. Institutions, however, were also sorely hit by that depression and Park Avenue Syna-

gogue was not immune. It, too, had its financial problems, and in solving them, Artie Ochs played an important part,



ARTHUR OCHS

particularly with the banking institution that held the mortgage on our building. In fact, no financial situation affecting our synagogue escaped Artie's attention, either as assistant treasurer or treasurer, posts he held continuously from 1941 to 1955, when he relinquished his arduous duties as treasurer.

During the campaign to raise funds for the Milton Steinberg Memorial Fund for the construction of the Milton Steinberg House, named in memory of our late beloved Rabbi, Arthur Ochs also served as treasurer of that Fund.

Arthur Ochs is an integral part of Park Avenue Synagogue and his name is associated with its glorious history. Few members of our congregation have rendered such devoted and loyal service; without ostentation, without public fanfare, and always with but one aim—the good of Park Avenue Synagogue. He was truly a dedicated and devoted member of our congregation and one who is worthy and deserving of being elected an honorary trustee.

Yes, Arthur Ochs has rendered "conspicuous service" to the Park Avenue Synagogue, and in selecting him for this honor, his colleagues have expressed in but a small measure their gratitude and appreciation, and that of our entire congregation family.

We salute you, Arthur, for your valiant service and for a job well done, and we extend to you and your dear wife, Sue, the warm hand of friendship.

— N.R.

Congregational Seder

Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has announced that plans are being made for a congregational seder to be held Thursday evening, April 23, in the Lemberg Auditorium. Mrs. Paul Bercu has been named chairman of the committee which is planning for this function.

Further details will be announced but if you are planning to observe the second seder at the Synagogue, you can make your plans accordingly.

Refuah Shelemah

We have just received word that Gertrude Klein, the wife of our beloved president Jacob Klein, is showing signs of progress in her recovery from a heart attack she suffered while in Florida.

Jake informs us that Gertrude has passed the crisis and that with God's help, she should begin to show signs of steady improvement.

We know that the membership of the synagogue will be happy to learn of Gertrude's progress and wish her a speedy Refuah Shelemah.

Since we went to press, Harry and Dorothy Sokolow have returned from Florida with a message from Jake, who wishes to express his gratitude to those who have written to him. He would have liked to have written to each person individually but there have been so many messages that this is impossible. Nevertheless, he wants you all to know that he appreciates your good wishes, and that he is thankful for your concern about Gertrude.

Wanted — Information

Occasionally, the BULLETIN fails to list under CONGRATULATIONS, milestones that occur in the lives of our members.

This information may be missing from the files, so do not hesitate to advise the synagogue office, so that we may include it in our congratulatory greetings.

If you are celebrating a fifth, tenth, fifteenth, or similar anniversary, please send the information to the synagogue office.

Naturally, we also want to know about any engagements, weddings or births that take place in any of our congregation families.

The Editor

Sisterhood To Present Jewish Home Beautiful

Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, chairman of the committee that will present the Jewish Home Beautiful on Tuesday evening, April 14, in the Lemberg Auditorium, has announced that plans are progressing for this gigantic undertaking.

The following will participate in this presentation, which will dramatize the customs and ceremonies depicting the Jewish holidays:

Mrs. Sol E. Green.....Rosh Hashanah
Mrs. Edward Peiper.....Yom Kippur
Mrs. Morris Edelman.....Sukkot
Mrs. Benjamin Marvin....Simhat Torah
Mrs. Judah Nadieh.....Hanukkah
Mrs. Samuel Tedoff.....Purim
Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer..Passover
Mrs. Jacob Starr.....Shabuot
Mrs. Milton Heller.....Shabbat

Due to the sudden illness of Gertrude Klein who was to have had charge of the Passover table together with her grandchild, Judy Frances Goldstone, a change in plans was necessary. Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer will be in charge of the Passover table, and Mrs. Starr will be at the Shabuot table.

The entire Jewish Home Beautiful presentation will be directed and narrated by Mrs. Ceil B. Ruskay, who will be assisted at the piano by Mrs. Ilsa G. Wunsch, an accomplished musician, who is the organist at Temple Beth-El, Cedarhurst, Long Island.

Also participating will be Leah Nessa Nadich and Shira Adina Nadich, who will join their mother at the Hanukkah table; Peggy Duke Kutzer and Amy Lee Phillips, who will join their grandmother, Rhoda Tedoff, at the Purim table; Anna and David Wimpfheimer who will join their mother at the Passover table; and Tama Starr will join her grandmother at the Shabuot table.

In addition, Mrs. Harry Grunther and Mrs. Mitchell Leventhal will sing appropriate songs at the various holiday tables and Isidore Hahn will blow the *shofar*. The Park Avenue Synagogue choir will also assist in the musical portion of the program together with Hazzan David J. Putterman.

As another feature of the program, Sisterhood will honor Mrs. Ezra Cohen and Mrs. Sarah Botein Bernstein as *Kalah Torah* and *Kalah Bereshit* at the Simhat Torah table.

Rehearsals for those participating have been set for March 11 and March

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Mrs. Oresman To Speak At Sisterhood Meeting Rachel Nadav, Yemenite Singer and Dancer, To Appear

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Sisterhood will hold its next open meeting on Tuesday, March 17, in the Lemberg Auditorium. Luncheon will be served at noon and then Sisterhood will present an enlightening program on the crisis facing world Jewry today.



MRS. A. LOUIS ORESMAN

Mrs. A. Louis Oresman, currently serving as chairman of Special Projects for the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, will be the guest speaker. She will be introduced by Mrs. Ben Sack, chairman of Manhattan United Jewish Appeal Organizations, who again is acting as chairman of Sisterhood's UJA.

Mrs. Oresman, one of New York's most outstanding philanthropic leaders, is a member of the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York and a member of the Board of United HIAS Service. She also serves on the board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Mrs. Oresman will discuss the acute immigration crisis confronting Israel because of the mass emigration of Jews who are seeking help to leave East European countries, especially the exodus from Rumania, and the need to provide proper housing accommodations for those who have already succeeded in reaching Israel. There will be no appeal for funds at this meeting.

Following her talk, the guests will have the pleasure of seeing Rachel Nadav, foremost Yemenite dancer and singer, at present on leave from her own ballet company in Israel.

Rachel Nadav brings with her all the exoticism of the Orient, and has been acclaimed throughout Europe for her virtuoso technique and versatility of style. Her dancing and her singing of native songs have made her the beloved artist of Israel. Miss Nadav interprets Biblical themes and Near Eastern dances with authenticity. Many of her numbers combine song and dance, for Miss Nadav sings her ancestral songs with her own drum accompaniment. Her colorful costumes and her antique heirloom jewelry lend charm to her performance. Rachel Nadav brings to audiences in her first American season the warmth and romance of an ancient world.

Our March 17 meeting promises to be one of the most outstanding on Sisterhood's calendar.

National Council Sabbath

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this special service in addition to members of our synagogue as Mrs. Sher is well known as a public speaker and will bring a message of interest to all of us.

Arrangements for this Council Sabbath were made by leaders of the New York section including Mrs. Sherman H. Dryer, chairman of education; Mrs. Leon L. Watters, chairman of contemporary Jewish affairs, and Mrs. Albert J. May, Jewish observances adviser.

Following the service, an Oneg Shabbat will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium.

RESERVE THIS DATE

Wednesday Evening, April 8

Parents Association will sponsor a

PASSOVER WORKSHOP

Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman

will explain how to conduct

A PASSOVER SEDER

In your own home

Seminary Corner

Eternal Light Program

The Eternal Light program, in celebration of its fifteenth anniversary of continuous broadcasting over the National Broadcasting Company network, will continue with its scheduled program:

March 15 — *Bible Blueprint of the Holy Land* by Marc Siegel.

March 22 — *The Root and the Flower* by Virginia Mazer.

March 29 — *Song of Berditschev* by Morton Wishengrad.

These will be heard every Sunday on WRCA Radio at 12:30 P.M.

Lehman Awards Presented

The first annual Herbert H. Lehman Award Dinner on behalf of the Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Ethics was held on February 26 at the Diplomat Country Club in Hallandale, Florida. Governor Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey and Jack D. Weiler of New York received the first Herbert H. Lehman Ethics Awards, designated for persons "whose high moral standards have been evidenced by their unflagging service to the society of mankind." Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Seminary, presented the awards to Governor Meyner and Mr. Weiler.

The Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Ethics was established last spring by the Jewish Theological Seminary. It is devoted to research in the ethics of the Talmud for the purpose of applying these enduring precepts to the decisions of everyday life.

Seminary Acquires Rare Books

The first printed edition in Yiddish of a Pentateuch together with the Five Scrolls and Prophetic Readings (the five books of Moses, Megillot and Haftarah) has just been donated to the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America by Michael M. Zagayski of New York, a collector of rare books and *objets d'art*.

A translation by Michael Adam, a Jew converted to Christianity, and Paul Fagius, a publisher and Christian Hebraist, the book was printed in 1544. Only four copies are known to exist. The Seminary Library's new acquisition, well preserved in a leather binding dated 1559, is the only copy known in the United States.

Metropolitan Council Elects

The Metropolitan Council of the United Synagogue of America held its

biennial convention recently for the election of officers.

Jacob Stein, president of Temple Israel of Great Neck and vice president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Metropolitan Council.

More than 1,000 delegates from the metropolitan area attended the convention. Representatives took part in 17 concurrent seminars dealing with problems associated with the rapid growth of Conservative Judaism, benefiting from a sharing of experience and ideas. Discussions were based on the theme "The Conservative Jew and His Synagogue — Looking Ahead to the Next Decade."

Annual Red Cross Appeal

Radio, television, newspapers, in fact, every means of communication will soon bring you the message of Red Cross, which comes to every community at this time of year with its annual appeal for funds.

Non-sectarian in its response to all appeals in times of distress, whether it be for food, shelter or clothing, or for a variety of services to the Armed Forces, the First Aid Program, or for aid in the event of any emergency, national or local, Red Cross has always answered the call for help and has always responded when it was needed.

Now it is our turn to help Red Cross carry on this great humanitarian work. Mrs. Edward Munves, chairman of the Park Avenue Synagogue Red Cross committee, hopes that the members of our congregation will respond generously. Checks should be made payable to the American Red Cross and mailed to Mrs. E. Munves at the Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street, New York 28, N. Y.

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Seminary Dinner To Honor Jacob Klein and Ben Sack

A committee, under the chairmanship of I. M. Cohen and Samuel Lemberg, two of our stalwarts in the Park Avenue Synagogue, has been appointed by Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of our Board of Trustees, to plan for the dinner which is to be held in behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The dinner will be held Thursday evening, May 7, 1959 and the guests of honor will be Jacob Klein, president of our congregation and Ben Sack, former chairman of our Board of Trustees and now chairman of our important finance committee.

Both of these gentlemen have been devoted supporters of the Seminary for many years, and they regard the cause of Seminary as vital to our synagogue as well as to American Jewry. Founded in 1887, the Seminary has been dedicated to the advancement of Torah in America, and has served as the intellectual and spiritual center of Conservative Judaism.

In addition to its many academic departments, which includes the Rabbinical School where rabbis are trained for Conservative congregations, the Teachers Institute, the Cantors Institute and several Institutes of higher learning, the Seminary also conducts a diversified community program. Among these the Eternal Light program and the Jewish Museum are perhaps better known to the general public.

Public announcement of the details concerning the dinner will be made immediately following the meeting of the Dinner Committee. We hope that the entire membership will join in making this a successful dinner.

Academy of Medicine Elects Officers

At a recent meeting of the New York County Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice of Medicine, Dr. Joseph A. Pincus, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue for many years, was re-elected as its president for another term.

Another member of our congregation, Dr. Stanley H. Greenwald, was elected as secretary of the same organization.

Our congratulations to both members of our congregation upon this honor which has been bestowed upon them by their fellow practitioners.

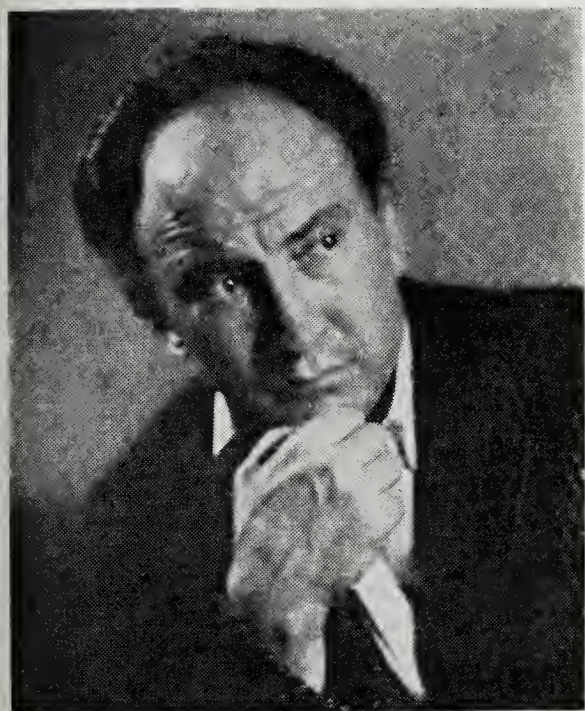
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man will also lead community singing.

Mr. Singer has appeared on Broadway with Helen Hayes and has starred in numerous television and radio shows. He is well known to our own group through his excellent teaching of modern Hebrew to adults.

Yaffa and Zamiri are natives of Israel, appearing in this country as part of Israel's tenth anniversary program. They offer folk and art songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and English. Haffa accompanies herself on the piano. Zamiri on the drums. Both artists were awarded prizes



REUBEN SINGER

in the 1955 international song contest in Tel Aviv.

The United Synagogue Youth group is part of an extended program by young people's groups in synagogues throughout the metropolitan area. The dance unit has performed for a number of congregations and been well received.

Following the entertainment will be a collation in the Sisterhood Lounge.

The Purim Committee, in addition to Mr. Kieval, includes Miss Rita Askenas, Mr. Robert Barzilay, Mrs. Herbert Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Meistrich, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rubin and Mr. Gerald Silbert.

Remember Your Synagogue

Sydney Prerau, director of the J. K. Lasser Tax Institute, recently addressed a joint meeting of the Committee on Wills, Gifts and Bequests and a group of trustees under the chairmanship of Judge Maxwell Shapiro, who heads that special committee.

An expert in his field, Mr. Prerau has voluntarily contributed his services to the National Council of the Churches of Christ, the Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian Church, and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

In a most instructive discourse, Mr. Prerau pointed out the steps that were being taken by these religious institutions in a concerted effort to secure contributions from their loyal supporters in the establishment of an endowment fund to insure the future of these religious organizations.

Philanthropic giving is encouraged by the federal government. The reason is self-evident. First, contributions to institutions and organizations that are devoted to public purposes are in the nature of self-imposed taxation. Were these services not performed, then the government itself would have to provide them, and additional revenue from taxation would be required. Although the federal income tax laws limit such contributions to 20% of a person's net adjusted income, the government has allowed this to be increased to 30% where the contribution is made to a religious institution.

Such contribution need not be made in money, but may be made through the creation of a trust fund with income payable to donor during his life, or it may take the form of a transfer of stock without imposing on the donor any capital gain tax, or it might be in the nature of estate planning so that the federal estate tax would not take a large slice out of the estate of the donor, in fact there are many numerous ways in which such contributions may be made legally and in accordance with suggested methods approved by the tax authorities.

Sisterhood Bazaar Set For May 5 and 6

By JULIA KATZ

The 1959 bazaar and country fair of the Sisterhood of our synagogue has been scheduled for May 5 and 6, it was announced by Mrs. Sol Green, president of Sisterhood.

The two-day event will have its grand opening on Tuesday evening, May 5, with a gala cocktail hour at 5 p.m. to be followed by dinner, games and the opening of our bazaar.

Proceeds from this event will be donated by the Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue to the special UJA fund for the resettlement of east European Jews in Israel.

Members of Sisterhood and the congregation are urged to reserve the dates for the bazaar and to watch for further details in our plans in future issues of the BULLETIN.

Chalk Aids

"Magic Carpet"

O. Roy Chalk, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, is given credit for his participation in the Yemenite airlift described in a publication recently issued by the Herzl Institute called "I Flew Them Home," a pilot's story.

The pamphlet is written by Edward Trueblood Martin, an American pilot who flew for the Trans Caribbean Airways of which Mr. Chalk is president. It describes touchingly and dramatically the wonderful rescue job done by the "Magic Carpet" in transporting Yemenite Jews by air from ancient civilization to modern Israel.

— S.R.K.

Many members of our congregation have undoubtedly considered the desirability of making such contribution to the Park Avenue Synagogue, or perhaps providing for a bequest in a codicil to their Will. If you are interested, please communicate with Judge Shapiro, chairman of the Committee, at the Synagogue, 50 East 87th Street, and he will be happy to furnish you with additional information.

— N. R.

SPECIAL YAHRZEIT SERVICE

in memory of

RABBI MILTON STEINBERG

Friday Evening, April 10, 1959

Ezra Cohen To Present Travelogue At Men's Club Meeting

By HARVEY GLASSER

On March 24, at 8:30 P.M., in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Synagogue, Men's Club will be delighted to present Ezra Cohen, member of Men's Club and the Synagogue's Board of Trustees, who will regale us with a travelogue and color slide show of some of the highlights of his recent trip to the Far East and Japan.

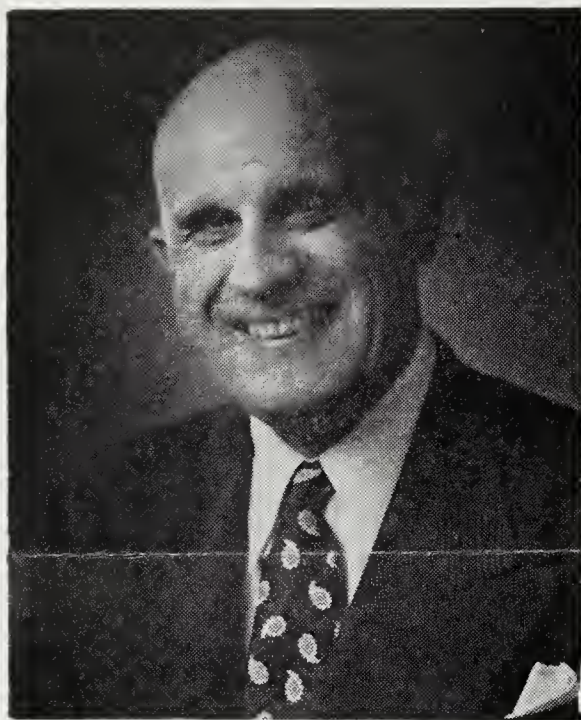
Mr. Cohen, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Synagogue, and former Chairman of the School Board and the Membership Committee of the Synagogue, has been a vital and integral part of the life and history of this Synagogue for over fifty years. He was a May 1904 Bar Mitzvah of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

In 1952, Mr. Cohen retired from the manufacturing business, but, still vibrant and young-at-heart he went into the travel agency field. His new work has taken him on travels to all parts of the world and most recently to Japan and the Far East.

Speaking of Japan, "Rashomon", which is Men's Club's benefit Theatre Party on March 11 and which is adapted from some Japanese short stories, is completely sold out. We all are indebted to the Benefit Theatre Party Committee and particularly to Ted Meistrich, chairman, Jacob Starr, co-chairman, Hon. Maxwell Shapiro, theatre chairman, Lawrence A. Meyers, treasurer and Albert Siegel, publicity. And a special word of thanks to Nelson Ruttenberg, Synagogue Treasurer and chairman of the BULLETIN Committee, for his inestimable assistance in the sale of tickets and the publicity for the Theatre Party. There were many, many others who helped to put us over the top and we are grateful to them all.

Men's Club President Dr. Sigmund Siegel named the following nominating committee: Nelson Ruttenberg, chairman, Milton Sivek, Ted Meistrich, Bernard Weinflash, Jacob Starr, with Lawrence A. Meyers and Dr. Joseph Druss as alternates. They are to report back to the Board with an official slate of candidates for the election of officers and members of the Board for the year 1959-60.

It has also been announced that General Sessions Judge Irwin D. Davidson



EZRA COHEN

will be our guest speaker at Men's Club Sabbath to be held on Friday evening, April 17. On Saturday night, April 18, will be held Men's Club's Annual Ladies Night. Full details for these events will be announced shortly.

With Samuel Kaplan serving as moderator, and with Samuel Kraft, Isidore Sack and Milton Sivek participating, Men's Club presented a Tax Symposium at its February 24 meeting. Rabbi Judah Nadich was an unannounced member of the panel and he gave a brief analysis of taxes throughout Jewish history. In addition to the panel discussion, we witnessed an interesting film on the actual audit procedure of a taxpayer's return being examined by the Internal Revenue Service. We are indeed grateful to these men for the hours of preparation which went into the Symposium, and which, of necessity, could only briefly canvass this complex subject.

Membership Committee

Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has announced the addition of three more members of our congregation to serve on the Membership Committee.

They are Nathan Appleman who is a member of the Board of Trustees, Newton Glekel and David J. Mendelsohn.

Books At A Glance

By HILDE KISCH, Librarian

A selection of new acquisitions by the Cohen Library:

Nelson Glueck. *Rivers in the Desert. A History of the Negev*. Philadelphia, 1959.

The book, in popular fashion, shows the tremendous importance of the Negev as a passageway between continents. Through his archaeological work in that territory the author has been able to restore to the map a whole series of civilizations that existed and perished there over the centuries.

Walter Z. Laqueur, editor. *The Middle East in Transition. Studies in Contemporary History*. New York, 1958.

Here thirty-four outstanding authors present essays dealing with the most recent political and social developments in the Middle East, one of the world's most dangerous trouble spots.

Israel Cohen. *Theodor Herzl, Founder of Political Zionism*. New York, 1959.

The biography of Theodor Herzl is based on the author's personal knowledge of "the father of the Jewish State" and the rich material that Herzl left behind—diaries, letters, speeches, essays, and books. It describes faithfully the remarkable career of the man who brought about tremendous changes in the life of the Jewish people.

Leo Jung, editor. *Guardians of Our Heritage (1724-1953)*. New York, 1958.

This volume contains the contributions of 28 scholars and journalists from various parts of the world, each of whom portrays the life and work of past great religious leaders, rabbinical authorities, and sages who have left their mark on Judaism and the religious life and thought of the Jews.

Martin Freud. *Sigmund Freud: Man and Father*. New York, 1958.

This book by his eldest son gives us an intimate picture of the great scientist. It portrays him, above all, as the warm and responsive human being, who was loved and admired by so many people.

Cyrus H. Gordon. *The World of the Old Testament*. New York, 1958.

This is the history of Old Testament times based on the archaeological record as well as on Hebrew and other contemporary documents.

Religious School News

By MARTIN LEICHTLING, *Principal*

Scholarship Winners

The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York recently announced its list of scholarship winners in the June 1959 graduating classes of the secondary schools in the state. The awards, available to students who plan to attend a college located in New York State, are granted to those achieving the highest results in a most difficult competitive written examination.

The Faculty and the students of the Religious School offer their congratulations to four of our former students who were winners this year—Stephen A. Feig, Joann Rubinstein, John Stangel and Elliot Zucker.

Purim Celebration

The Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday morning, March 22 at 10:00 A.M. in the Lemberg Auditorium. The entire auditorium will be turned into a carnival area with gaily-decorated booths featuring games of skill and chance. Parents and students will have an opportunity to spend their money freely and help to increase the amount of money in the school Keren Ami Fund.

The Purim Costumes worn by the students at the Carnival this year will feature costumes based upon individual class themes selected by the class from its studies during the year. Some of the themes to be used for class costumes are the Hebrew Alphabet, Holiday Symbols, Israel Today, Jews in Colonial America, and the Golden Age in Spain.

The costumes this year should be most striking and most imaginative because of the efforts of the teachers, the parents and the Purim Workshop of the Parents Association.

The Workshop, under the creative leadership of Mrs. A. Stangel, offered a do-it-yourself kit of materials, trimmings and everything necessary for the making of an exciting and colorful costume.

The Reading of the Megillah for students of the Religious School will be held Monday afternoon, March 23 at 4:30 P.M. in the Main Synagogue. Greggers will be distributed to all the students and the traditional *hamentashen* will be served at the close of the service.

Parents of children in the Primary Department and in the Hebrew Department are invited to attend the service with their children.

Religious School Spring Recess

The Religious School will not conduct classes during the spring vacation of the New York Public School System—from March 27 to April 5.

The Hebrew Department will resume sessions on Monday, April 6 and the Primary Department on Sunday, April 12.

Study Tour To Israel Planned For Students

Plans have been completed for the sixth annual Israel Summer Seminar for high school students. This study tour of Israel and Europe is an incentive project designed to encourage the study of Hebrew among adolescents. It is conducted under the auspices of the Jewish Education Committee of New York and the Hebrew Culture Service Committee for American High Schools and Colleges, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency Department of Education and Culture.

The group will be escorted by qualified high school teachers, and will sail for Europe on July 1, 1959. The students will return on the S.S. Israel direct from Haifa, reaching New York on September 11.

On board ship, the students will receive orientation sessions on Israel as well as practice in conversational Hebrew. En route to Israel, the students will visit large cities in England, Holland, France and Italy, where they will be introduced to Jewish community life and meet with youth groups. In Israel they will spend a month in sightseeing and study, and will join in the inspiring life experience of the young state, learning the stirring and colorful songs and dances and meeting the pioneers and youth of the country.

The I.S.S. Scholarship Fund reduces the over-all rate for this ten-week study tour to \$915 per student. This fee may be reduced by supplementary scholarship grants for outstanding students who might otherwise be unable to participate.

For those who are interested, further information may be obtained from the Hebrew Culture Council, 1776 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.

Jewish Welfare Board Honors Gen. Krulewitch

Major General Melvin L. Krulewitch, a member of our Board of Trustees, has been selected as one of the guests of honor at the 1959 Jewish Welfare Board dinner on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

The dinner will be held Thursday, April 2, 1959 at the Hotel Pierre in New York City and Samuel Hausman, a member of the Jewish Welfare Board New York City Council and chairman of the board of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, will be chairman of the dinner.

The three prominent New Yorkers to be honored at this dinner have distinguished themselves in public service, as well as in civic and Jewish communal affairs. In addition to Gen. Krulewitch, who is now Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, the other guests of honor will be Col. Arthur Levitt, Comptroller of the State of New York, and Mrs. Caroline K. Simon, Secretary of State of New York.

In announcing the dinner and urging the support of members of the congregation, Joseph Howard Katz, Chairman of our Board, said, "We would like to see a large delegation from the Park Avenue Synagogue turn out to honor Gen. Krulewitch, Col. Levitt and Mrs. Simon at this important function. In this way we will not only be tendering a deserved tribute to one of our foremost members, Gen. Krulewitch, but we will also be advancing the worthwhile causes which UJA supports."

All those interested in attending this dinner should communicate with the synagogue office.

New Contributors To Sanford H. Cohen Fund

Since the recent announcement in the BULLETIN of the creation of the Sanford H. Cohen Fund, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hochman and Mr. and Mrs. Shy Rosen have also sent contributions to the synagogue in memory of Sanford H. Cohen.

These funds are being earmarked for an appropriate memorial for the late Honorable Sanford H. Cohen, who had been a member of our Board of Trustees and a former chairman of the Board.

Youth Activities

By JERRY GOODMAN
Teenage — U.S.Y.

The results of the Youth Sabbath on February 28 were particularly rewarding when judged by the wide range of participants in the morning service in the Main Synagogue, the spirited luncheon in the Sisterhood Lounge, and the stimulating afternoon discussion groups on the Essence of the Shabbat. The dance at night, attended by members and guests, far exceeded expected attendance, and the profits derived will be given to two of our many projects—the U.S.Y. 2-O-9 "Building Spiritual Bridges" Campaign and a special Hy Sankel fund in memory of our late Youth Director.

Committees are being formed for the promotion and planning of our forthcoming annual United Jewish Appeal dance. Technical problems caused a re-scheduling of the event for Saturday, April 11, 8:30 P.M. As in past years, this promises to be a big enterprise for the U.J.A. at a time when funds are especially needed for the re-settlement of thousands of Jewish refugees from East Europe. Programs at our meetings on the U.J.A. and the 20th Century Jewish Migrant will supplement the dance. In addition to the participation of our members and their guests, other U.S.Y. groups from the New York area will be invited to this gala affair.

Our sports program, though initiated at a slow pace, has gained new strength. Inter-mural games are scheduled for the remainder of the basketball season and plans are being set for inter-center softball competition. An intra-mural series was recently launched that includes a ping-pong and Nok-Hockey tournament for members. All desiring to enter can register with Jimmy Best, Chairman of the Sports Committee.

Boy Scouts — Troop No. 600

The weekly meetings of the troop, at Park Avenue Synagogue, have been supplemented by a monthly gym session at Public School No. 6. Recent meetings included a very successful dance in the Sisterhood Lounge, and a Parent's Night that featured a discussion of summer camping plans.

The Scouts are now working on an exhibition to be displayed at the forthcoming Boy Scout Exposition of the Greater New York Council, April 17-19, at the Coliseum. The project will consist of models of fires constructed by the boys under the guidance of Mr. Bruce

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, March 13, 1959 8:30 P.M.
"Synagogue Music of Many Lands"

Saturday Morning, March 14, 1959 9:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of George Shapiro
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shapiro

Friday Evening, March 20, 1959 8:30 P.M.
"The Malady and the Cure"
A Pre-Purim Sermon

Saturday Morning, March 21, 1959 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening, March 23, 1959 7:45 P.M.
Purim Service and Reading of Megillah

Friday Evening, March 27, 1959 8:30 P.M.
Mrs. David Sher will speak on
"Womanhood—The Greatest Career"

National Council of Jewish Women Sabbath and Oneg Shabbat
Saturday Morning, March 28, 1959 9:30 A.M.
Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak each Friday evening
and will preach on the Scriptural Portion each Sabbath morning.

*The services will be conducted by Rabbi Nadich and
Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ*

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boneparth—
upon the birth of granddaughter,
Karin Pearce

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Godwin—up-
on their 30th Wedding Anniversary
Hon. and Mrs. Samuel Gold—
upon their 25th Wedding Anniver-
sary

Jacob Klein, our president—upon
his 81st Birthday

Mrs. Emma Luebeck — upon her
96th Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Putter-
man — upon the engagement of
their daughter Gail to Mr. Michael
Jay Friedlander

Condolences

Harold Glasser — death of his
father, Max Glasser

Louis Germain — death of his
wife, Ida

Helen Lipson—death of her hus-
band, Lawrence

Turner, Scoutmaster. Tickets to the Ex-
position will be sold by troop members.
The commissions from the sales cam-
paign will be used by Troop No. 600 to
purchase new equipment.

We welcome Mr. Bernie Robins who
has been added to our staff to serve as
Assistant Scoutmaster. He will work
with Mr. Turner in the troop.

Jewish Home Beautiful

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18 in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Sisterhood is proud to present the
Jewish Home Beautiful, and a meaning-
ful program has been arranged for the
entertainment of members of Sisterhood
and all friends of the Park Avenue
Synagogue.

Be sure to reserve the date, Tuesday
evening, April 14, for this is an event
no one will want to miss. — N. R.

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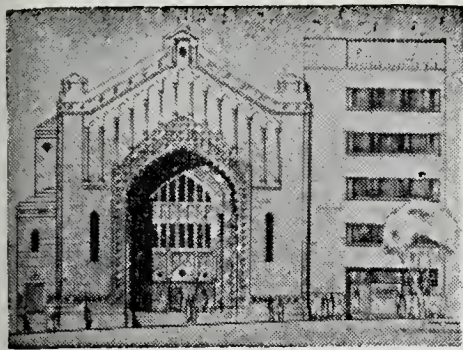
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Sisterhood Presents Jewish Home Beautiful

Arrangements have been made, rehearsals have been held, in fact all details have been provided for the presentation of Jewish Home Beautiful by Sisterhood on Tuesday evening, April 14, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Considerable effort has gone into the preparations for this dramatic presentation of the customs and the ceremonials depicting the various Jewish holidays occurring during the liturgical year. Starting with Rosh Hashanah, all of the intervening holidays through Shabuot are included, together with Shabbat.

All of this was made possible through the devotion and untiring efforts of Mrs. Cecil B. Ruskay, who has rehearsed the cast and who has given of her services unstintingly to make this event the most outstanding on Sisterhood's calendar.

Mrs. Cecil B. Ruskay, who will direct and narrate the entire production, is well known to members of the Park

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Rabbi Milton Steinberg Memorial Service Friday Evening, April 10, Starts Lecture Series

The annual Rabbi Milton Steinberg Memorial Service will take place on Friday evening, April 10 at 8:30 on the ninth anniversary of the death of the late beloved



DR. SOL LIPTZIN

spiritual leader of the Park Avenue Synagogue. The actual *yahrzeit* is the second day of Nisan, occurring on that Friday. Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman will offer memorial prayers during the service with the congregation rising for the *kaddish*.

The first in the annual series of lectures in memory of Rabbi Steinberg will be given at the service on that evening. Each year a different area of Judaism in which Rabbi Steinberg was interested is selected as the central theme for the memorial series. This year it will be "The American Jewish Community". The three lecturers speaking on this subject will be Dr. Sol Liptzin, at the Friday evening service, April 10, Dr. Marshall Sklare on Monday, April 13, and Mr. C. Bezalel Sherman on Monday evening, April 20.

Dr. Liptzin will speak on "The Jewish Experience in America" at the Friday evening service. He is Professor of comparative literature at the City College and has travelled widely, studying Jewish communities on various continents. His most recent book, published in 1958 and entitled, "Generation of Decision", was widely hailed by reviewers. The author of some thirteen books, he is a former president of the National Jewish Book Council. His recent volume deals with Jewish rejuvenation in America.

The two Monday evening lectures will be delivered by eminent authorities who have carefully studied the life of the American Jewish community. On Monday, April 13, at 8:30 P.M. Dr. Marshall Sklare will speak on "A Sociologist Surveys Jewish Attitudes". On the following Monday evening, April 20, Mr. C. Bezalel Sherman will speak on "Changing Patterns in American Jew-

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, April 3 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Judah Nadich

will speak on

"Are Our Families Failing?"

Mr. and Mrs. Club Sabbath Service and Oneg Shabbat

Saturday Morning, April 4 9:30 A.M.

Friday Evening, April 10 8:30 P.M.

Dr. Sol Liptzin

will speak on

"The Jewish Experience in America"

Rabbi Milton Steinberg Memorial Service

on his ninth Yahrzeit

Saturday Morning, April 11 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Robert Todd Tunis

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tunis

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Rabbinate Proclaims "UJA Sabbath"

Throughout the New York area, Saturday, March 7, was observed as "UJA Sabbath." Designated by the Rabbinate of the New York Jewish Community representing all three branches of Judaism—Orthodox, Conservative and Reform—the spiritual leaders in our community on that day devoted their sermons to an appeal to their congregations to fulfill their "inescapable moral responsibility" to aid the United Jewish Appeal in its efforts to bring Jews from Eastern Europe to Israel.

Traditionally known as Shabbat Shekalim, the observance of the Sabbath that fell on March 7 was inspired by the words from Exodus, chapter 25: "And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whom his spirit made willing, and brought the Lord's offering."

What greater offering can be made at this time than to provide the necessary funds to make possible the mass exodus of Jews from Rumania? The urgency of their plea has placed a "stupendous and unprecedented" demand on American Jewry. Just as we have responded generously to previous appeals, so too, will our Jewish community respond to the current campaign for the funds which are the lifeblood for the vast resettlement program that is now in full swing.

BE OUR GUEST Tuesday, May 5

Grand Opening Sisterhood Bazaar
5:00 P.M.—Sale of Merchandise
and Cocktail Hour
6:00 P.M.—Dinner—\$3.00

Wednesday, May 6

Morning — Sale of Merchandise
12 noon — Lunch—\$1.25
Evening—Auction and Drawing for
**GLAMOROUS WEEK IN HAVANA
VIA NATIONAL AIRLINES**

Seminary Dinner Plans Completed For May 7

Plans have been completed for the dinner to be held Thursday evening, May 7, in the Lemberg Auditorium, on behalf of The Jewish Theological Seminary, it was announced by I. M. Cohen and Samuel Lemberg, co-chairmen of this event.

Congregational leaders are responding with great enthusiasm to the affair which will honor Jacob Klein, president of our congregation, and Ben Sack, former chairman of our Board of Trustees. The honorees will be awarded citations for their "devoted service to the community in advancing the cause of the religious and cultural traditions of Judaism."

Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, outstanding Jewish scholar and teacher, will deliver the principal address at the dinner. Dr. Cohen is lecturer in Jewish Literature and Institutions in the Rabbinical Department of the Seminary. He also is Gustav Gottheil Lecturer in Semitic Languages at Columbia University and served as Librarian of the Seminary from 1950 to 1957. His work has appeared in both Hebrew and English publications.

The Seminary, which has broadly expanded its academic and cultural programs to meet the increasing demands of a growing Conservative Movement, looks to congregational support for a substantial portion of its maintenance funds.

The impact of the Seminary's broad community programs and research activities is not limited to Conservative Judaism. Through the recently established Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Ethics, the great insights of the Talmud are studied and related to contemporary problems, helping mankind toward a better way of life.

Through its prize-winning Eternal Light radio and television series, through the Jewish Museum and through the tremendous collection of Judaica and Hebraica in its Library, the Seminary stands as a vital force in the ethical, cultural and spiritual enlightenment of people everywhere.

We know that all of our membership realize the importance of maintaining the services offered by the Seminary. We hope all of our members will join in honoring two of our leading members and also in expressing their interest in

National Airlines Trip UJA Bazaar Prize

Plans for Sisterhood's UJA bazaar, to be held at the Park Avenue Synagogue on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6, are progressing at a fast pace.

Of special interest is the prize which will be awarded to the lucky winner at the bazaar. This will be a week's trip to Havana via National Airlines on one of its de luxe passenger planes.

The story of National Airlines during its 24 years of existence has been phenomenal. National was the first line to sign a contract for space at the Idlewild International Airport. In addition to serving 36 U.S. cities and Havana, National Airlines is steadily increasing its transcontinental routes.

Its growth has been due to the far-sightedness of G. T. Baker who founded National Airlines in 1935. Mr. Baker is credited with extending the Florida vacation season to a year-round basis which has done much to stabilize the economy of Miami and has induced hotels to operate all year. National was also the originator of the first complete winter package vacation plan to Florida and Cuba.

Looking to the future, National plans even greater growth. New route applications for permission to serve cities in the west and northwest are now pending before the Civil Aeronautics Board.

In selecting National Airlines for this Havana trip, Sisterhood knows that the lucky winner will be assured of a pleasant trip in safety with all the modern conveniences of air travel.

the Seminary by helping to make this a very successful event.

Reservations for the May 7 dinner are \$10 per person and may be obtained by returning the reservation card enclosed in the invitation which has been sent to our members or by contacting the office at the Synagogue.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RE-OPENS

The Hebrew Department will resume classes after the Spring Recess on Monday, April 6, 1959.

The Primary Department will begin sessions on Sunday, April 12, 1959.

Rabbi Steinberg Memorial

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ish Life". Each lecture will be followed by a discussion period and a collation.

Dr. Sklare is the author of two recent well received books, "Conservative Judaism: An American Religious Movement" and "The Jews: Social Patterns of an American Group". He is a dynamic speaker who in popular manner communicates scholarly findings to his audience. A social scientist, he is the director of the division of scientific research of the American Jewish Committee. His presentation constitutes a stimulating experience for he involves the audience in participation in order to elicit their own significant attitudes toward Judaism and American Jewish problems.

Mr. Sherman is well-known as a serious thinker on American Jewish problems and as an international lecturer, having addressed audiences in the United States, Canada, Israel, Europe and South America. He is the director of Cultural and Community Activities of the Labor Zionist Organization of America. His articles appear in the Reconstructionist, Congress Weekly and Jewish Social Studies. His books include "Jews and Other Ethnic Groups in the United States", "Israel and the American Jewish Community", "Three Centuries of Growth" and "Secularism in a Religious Framework". For his literary achievements he was awarded the La Med prize in 1949 and the award of the Jewish Book Council of America in 1954. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the "Jewish Frontier" and of the American Sociological Society.

The three lectures in the Rabbi Milton Steinberg Memorial Series this year will present three outstanding scholars and speakers who have something of import to say on the present status of the American Jewish community and its prospects for the future.

It is superfluous to urge attendance at these three occasions by the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue and by all to whom the memory of Rabbi Steinberg is dear. They will want to be present to show their esteem for his memory, apart from the intrinsic value of the lectures themselves.

Congregational Seder Thursday Night, April 23

Mrs. Paul Bercu, chairman of the Seder Committee, has announced that plans for the Synagogue Seder to be held on the second Seder night, Thursday, April 23, have been completed.

The Synagogue Service will commence at 5:45 P.M. and will be followed immediately at about 6:30 P.M. by the Seder which will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Letters have been sent to our congregants advising them that reservations will be limited to 200 persons, and will be open to all members of the Synagogue, their children, relatives and friends. The total cost per person will be \$12.50 for adults and \$9.00 for each child under 13 years of age.

Many advance reservations have already been received from those who attended our congregational seders during the last few years and who were impressed with the memorable evening of good fellowship, meaningful ceremonies, traditional singing, and delicious food, furnished by a well known caterer.

If you are planning to participate in this congregational seder, send in your reservation without delay together with your remittance to avoid later disappointment. Because of limited space it will be necessary to apply the rule, first come, first served.

Howard Kieval Named Director of Big Brothers

Howard A. Kieval, a member of the Advisory Council of the Park Avenue Synagogue whose affiliation with our synagogue goes back to his Bar Mitzvah days, was named executive director of the Big Brothers, Inc.

In 1956, he was honored at a testimonial dinner given to him by the Board of Directors of the City College Alumni Association upon his retirement as executive secretary of the Alumni Association a post he held for eight years. Prior to his association with the Alumni Association, Mr. Kieval served as director of the Student Houses at City College over a period of six years.

The Big Brothers is affiliated with the Big Brothers movement of America, a national youth guidance organization. Mr. Kieval will bring to his new post a

Merchandise Requested Sisterhood UJA Bazaar

By JULIA KATZ

The appointment of all committee chairmen for the two-day bazaar of the Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6, was announced this week, along with an appeal for merchandise.

The chairmen are: Mrs. Sol. E. Green, president of Sisterhood; Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Bazaar chairman; Mrs. Mack Fieber, co-chairman of Bazaar; Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, chairmen of Merchandise; Mrs. Ted Meistrich, chairman of Treasure Chest; Mrs. David Rapoport and Mrs. David Putterman, chairman of Catering; Mrs. Jacob Boneparth, chairman for Booth Arrangements; Mrs. Paul Bercu and Mrs. Harold Osserman, chairmen of Collections; Mrs. Samuel Gellert and Mrs. Mortimer Millheiser, Treasurers; and Mrs. Sidney R. Katz, Publicity.

Proceeds of the Bazaar will go to the Special Fund of the United Jewish Appeal for the resettlement of Eastern European Jews in Israel.

"With the appointment of these capable chairmen," Mrs. Rome announced, "our preparations are well under way. Because the success of this bazaar depends on the response and support of our members and our friends, we are gratified to note that merchandise for the Bazaar was received even in advance of efforts to solicit such merchandise."

Every member and friend of Sisterhood can make an immediate and important contribution to the success of the Bazaar and to the vital rescue work its proceeds will support. Send merchandise to the synagogue c/o the Chairmen of Merchandise; purchase and distribute our books whose grand prize will be a GLAMOROUS WEEK IN HAVANA via the National Airlines; attend our bazaar and bring your friends on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6.

vast experience in dealing with young men, resulting from his association with the student body at City College and his contact with young boys at Camp KODA for boys, at Bridgton, Mass., which he and his wife operate.

Youth Activities

By JERRY GOODMAN

Teen-Agers

On Saturday, April 11, 8:30 P.M., the 5th Annual U.J.A. Dance of our U.S.Y. groups will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium. This is the largest single attempt to raise money for aid to a community-wide project, on behalf of these groups. This year, especially, the United Jewish Appeal and its Emergency Fund is seeking over 200 million dollars for services to affiliated units in the United States, Europe, and Israel—where recent waves of immigrants, arriving without much material resources, need to be settled and trained for integration into the economy.

The dance will feature a band, a special lucky prize, and refreshments. Donations are being solicited that can be awarded to the lucky winners attending the dance. The theme of the night will be that of an exotic Night Club, with a "cover charge" of \$1.75 for a single person, and \$3.00 for a couple. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Youth Activities Office, through salesmen, or at the door.

Since all proceeds will go to the U.J.A., all efforts are being made to insure success. Coordinating the project are Adrienne Astor, Don Bachman, and Randy Weingarten. Serving with them are many specialized committees, and the hard working chairmen: Dave Alberts, Bob Fischer, Asher Freezer, Bennett Shapiro, and John Stangel.

P.A.S. Key

Under the guidance of Ben Frank, advisor to the Senior U.S.Y. group, two more issues of *PAS Key*, the teenage newspaper, will appear this program year. Articles of interest, cartoons, stories, poems, etc., should be directed to the Editorial Board, Ben Frank, or the Youth Activities Office.

Youth Seder

On April 25, 8:30 P.M., there will be a Youth Seder, in the Lemberg Auditorium, for members of the Senior and Intermediate groups. They will be permitted to bring one guest. In addition to Pesach refreshments, a social and dance, there will be a special Pesach program under the direction of Moshe Pomerantz, advisor to the Intermediate U.S.Y. group.

Arts and Crafts

The 16th Annual Art Exhibition of the Department of Art Education of the
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Jewish Home Beautiful

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Avenue Synagogue. In her own community in Long Island, she is associated with many communal activities. She is also the author of "Horsecars and Cobblestones" and the writer of numerous playlets and skits commissioned by the Council for Jewish Women, the American Jewish Congress, Hias, Hadassah, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. She also serves as a volunteer worker in the Women's House of Detention in New York.

Assisting Mrs. Ruskay at the piano will be Mrs. Ilsa G. Wunsch, an accomplished musician, who has also generously agreed to participate in this gigantic undertaking. Mrs. Wunsch is the organist at Temple Beth-El, Cedarhurst, Long Island.

Those who will participate in the presentation are:

Mrs. Sol E. Green.....Rosh Hashanah
Mrs. Edward Peiper.....Yom Kippur
Mrs. Morris Edelman.....Sukkot
Mrs. Benjamin Marvin....Simhat Torah
Mrs. Judah Nadich.....Hanukkah
Mrs. Seymour Tedoff.....Purim
Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer..Passover
Mrs. Jacob Starr.....Shabuot
Mrs. Milton Heller.....Shabbat

Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, chairman of this entire project, and in whose home the rehearsals were held, reports that this presentation should receive excellent reviews. Mrs. Sol E. Green, Sisterhood president, who has participated in the rehearsals, is of the same opinion. Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer will act as co-ordinator.

Sisterhood is proud to present Jewish Home Beautiful and has arranged a delightful evening for its members and all friends of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Remember the date, Tuesday evening, April 14, and the place, the Lemberg Auditorium of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

DAILY MINYAN

The Appleman Chapel

at 5:45 P.M.

Under the sponsorship of the
Men's Club

Guild Luncheon Aids Blind

The annual Luncheon and Fashion Show of the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind will be held Tuesday, April 7, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

This annual event, undertaken by the Women's Division of the Guild, helps provide the funds so essential to support the extensive program of the Guild for blind and visually-handicapped people of all ages, faiths and races.

The feature attraction will be a showing of fashions designed by Sophie and other highlights of Saks Fifth Avenue's Spring Collection. The Grand Prize will be round trip passage for two on American Banner Lines S. S. Atlantic.

The Luncheon is given to spur membership in the Guild's Women's Division which lends volunteer and financial support to the agency's many services, which include a nursery school for blind children; a group work and recreation program of more than 70 clubs and classes; a Home for the Aged Blind in Yonkers, and the country's largest privately-owned library of hand-transcribed Braille volumes.

If you are interested in making luncheon reservations, contact the Women's Division at the Guild's City Center, 1880 Broadway, Circle 6-3341, or Mrs. Edward Peiper at the synagogue office.

Hy Sankel Memorial

A memorial exercise to honor the memory of Hy Sankel, who served as the Youth Director of the Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Activities program, was held at P.S. 27 in the Bronx. This was the school where Mr. Sankel had served as principal at the time of his death.

The invited guests included all the faculty of the school, the principals of other schools in the Bronx, members of the PTA of the school and leading representatives of the community.

Rabbi Judah Nadich delivered the main address at the exercises and presented to the school, on behalf of the faculty and staff of P.S. 27, two paintings which have been hung in the school auditorium in memory of Hy Sankel. Accompanying Rabbi Nadich was Mrs. Herman Helpert, chairman of the Youth Activities Committee of our synagogue. Also present at the exercises were Mrs. Hyman Sankel and her two children, Joel and Susan.

Your Questionnaire — Please!

Human nature being what it is, most persons are reluctant to take the trouble to answer a questionnaire. This is particularly true, one would safely presume, when the questionnaire deals with such a solemn even though necessary matter as cemetery arrangements. Even at this writing, with the questionnaire just in the mail, one can feel reasonably certain that many of our congregants will have, for one reason or another, not quite gotten around to replying.

May we suggest that those congregants who have not yet replied should please look into their "bureau drawers of unanswered mail" and take a few moments to help the synagogue determine its policy in regard to the purchase of new, additional cemetery grounds?

The questions asked are simple and direct. With a return envelope supplied, we hope that each member of our synagogue will participate in the responsibility of helping provide factual material necessary for a serious decision.

May we have your reply if you have not already sent it in?

—J.H.K.

Joint Defense Appeal To Honor Irving M. Felt

The Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith will launch its 1959 campaign with a dinner on April 6, at the Plaza Hotel, in honor of Irving Mitchell Felt, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue and of our Advisory Council to the Board of Trustees.

In paying this tribute to Mr. Felt, the Joint Defense Appeal is recognizing "his steadfast devotion and untiring efforts for the betterment of the community which have won him the respect and admiration of all who are privileged to work with him." Mr. Felt is regarded as one of the community's most distinguished civic, philanthropic and business figures. His business interests include the presidency of Graham-Paige Corporation, the chairmanship of the Executive Committee of the Madison Square Garden Corporation, and directorship in many other corporations.

Mr. Felt is associated with many communal activities and numerous organizations both civic and charitable.

Sisterhood News

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

For its open meeting on March 17 Sisterhood had for its theme "A Salute to Israel." Even the charming flower arrangements on each luncheon table, which had been graciously donated by Mrs. Sol E. Green, president of Sisterhood, carried out the blue and white Israeli national colors.

Mrs. Ben Sack, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Manhattan Organizations and chairman of Sisterhood's UJA committee, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. A. Louis Oresman, currently serving as chairman of Special Projects for the Women's Division of UJA.

On behalf of UJA Women's Division, Mrs. Oresman presented Sisterhood with a plaque for its outstanding support of the UJA campaigns over many years. She complimented the ladies on setting such a splendid example in their ingenuity in fund raising, for their generosity and for their leadership in doing so much to save European Jewry.

Following Mrs. Oresman's inspiring talk, the guests were entertained by Rachel Nadav, foremost Yemenite dancer and singer.

Ceremonial Shop

Mrs. Milton Heller wants to remind you that the ceremonial gift shop is brimming with wonderful gifts for Passover. The beautiful Kiddush cups, Haggadahs, Passover trays and charming matzah plates, together with many other attractive items, were displayed at the open meeting and brought forth compliments from all present.

Irma is always ready and eager to serve you. Just 'phone AT 9-5500, and she will arrange to show you her treasures.

Gift Shop

Mrs. Charles Bennet and Mrs. Jack Boneparth open their gift shop prior to the start of every open meeting. Here you can find the perfect gift to bring your hostess, your birthday or anniversary friends. Patronize the gift shop and in that way help the Offering Fund.

Sisterhood Contributes

Once again Sisterhood has provided the funds for the purchase of needed equipment for the kitchen of the Lemberg Auditorium. This contribution is but another evidence of Sisterhood's repeated generous financial support to the Park Avenue Synagogue over the past many years.

Youth Activities

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Jewish Education Committee of New York is now housed at the Jewish Museum. This year, the theme is "Journey Through the World of Learning".

Once again our Arts and Crafts group will participate in the exhibition. Under the capable direction of Mrs. Sylvia Cohen, our exhibit will consist of a 2 foot by 4 foot wooden panel on top of which was fashioned an interesting papier maché display coated with tempera paints. Depicted is the famous story of Rabbi Akiba and his students hiding in caves and continuing their Jewish studies, although banned by the pagan conquerors.

Men's Club News

By HARVEY GLASSER

Ezra Cohen, former chairman of the Board of Trustees of the synagogue, delivered a most interesting talk to the Men's Club on Tuesday evening, March 24, on some of the highlights of his recent trip to the Far East and Japan.

During the business part of the meeting, proposed amendments to the by-laws of the Men's Club were presented and automatically referred to the Board of Directors for its consideration. Action thereon will be taken at the next meeting of the Men's Club which will be held in May. The proposed amendments seek to increase the Board of Directors to twenty-one divided into three classes, with a further provision that the officers shall be members of the Board of Directors instead of losing their identity as such when they are elected to office.

Men's Club Sabbath has been set for Friday evening, April 17. The guest speaker will be Judge Irwin D. Davidson, and he will speak on "The Jury Is Still Out."

The following evening, April 18, Men's Club will present Annual Ladies' Night under the chairmanship of vice president Harry Dubin. Only paid-up members will be allowed to attend. Thus, should you fall into the category of a dues delinquent member, send in those past-due dues at once or you are likely to miss out on the gala social event of the year.

The crowning achievement of Sisterhood's gifts was the \$50,000 contributed to the Milton Steinberg Memorial Fund for the dedication of the Sisterhood Lounge in the Milton Steinberg House.

Parents Association Passover Workshop

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

The Parents Association cordially invites you, your husband, and your friends to attend a Passover Workshop on Wednesday, April 8, at 8:30 P.M. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

This workshop, which has become increasingly popular during the years, will give you a wonderful opportunity to learn not only the historical traditions of Passover, but also how to conduct a Passover Seder in your own home.

Rabbi Nadich has graciously volunteered to explain the meaning of the Passover symbols, the four cups, the four freedoms, the special service or Seder as well as the narrative of the Passover—the Haggadah. Hazzan Putterman will be happy to teach the traditional Passover songs which will enrich your celebration of the Festival of Freedom.

Mrs. A. Stangel, chairman of decorations, and her committee, will arrange an authentic Seder Table with the appropriate symbols, foods and decorations. Those who have attended this workshop in previous years will recall Mrs. Stangel's creative and inspirational decorations.

Refreshments will be served under the chairmanship of Mrs. James Leff and the Class Mothers of the Religious School.

Joseph P. Mandelbaum Named UJA Chairman

Once again, UJA has called upon one of the leaders of Park Avenue Synagogue to head one of its 1959 campaign groups.

Joseph P. Mandelbaum, recently elected to fill a vacancy existing on our Board of Trustees, has been named chairman of the UJA East Side mid-Manhattan merchants at a recent meeting of area leaders.

This will mark the seventh consecutive year that Mr. Mandelbaum will lead merchants in the East Side area between 23rd and 125th Streets for funds for UJA. In urging all merchants to support UJA'S rescue and relief activities, Mr. Mandelbaum pointed out the urgent need "to help the thousands of Jews now seeking to emigrate from East European countries to Israel, an opportunity that may be denied them if help is not forthcoming immediately."

Congregants Honored At Megillah Reading

As part of the special feature of our synagogue's Purim celebration each year, we conduct the reading of the Megillah partly in English with portions assigned to members of the congregation. This year it was our pleasure to hear the sections of the Book of Esther read by the following congregants:

Mrs. Irving Diamond, Mr. Mordecai W. Grossman, Mrs. Irving N. Epstein, Dr. Ona B. Forrest, Hon. Arthur G. Klein, Mrs. Irwin Kourland, Mr. Richard Osserman, Dr. Alexander Richman, Mrs. Abraham A. Schnee and Mrs. Abbot A. Weisbord.

The religious services and Megillah reading were conducted by Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman assisted by Cantor Abraham Friedman and the choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

The Purim party which followed was under the chairmanship of Mr. Howard Kieval and the Purim Committee consisting of Miss Rita Askenas, Mr. Roberts A. Barzilay, Mrs. Herbert Berger, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Rubin and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Meistrich.

Following the services, the guests adjourned to the Lemberg Auditorium where an entertainment program was provided. The decorations, and the refreshments which were served, were under the chairmanship of Mrs. Theodore Meistrich and her subcommittee.

Seminary Corner

Award To Eternal Light Program

The Jewish Theological Seminary received the radio award of the 1958 National and School Awards Program of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

The award was made for the Eternal Light presentation of "The Case of the Glastonbury Cows" by Marc Siegel on its regular radio broadcasting program over the National Broadcasting Company. The program was cited as "an outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life during 1958." The following programs are scheduled for the next two Sundays:

April 5 — Mrs. Steinberg's Partner in Heaven by Sylvia Berger

April 12 — How Manny Got Into The Seventh Grade by Marc Siegel

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Cohen—upon the marriage of their daughter Deborah to Mr. Isadore Lewinson

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cohen—upon the birth of a grandson, William Goldman Scher

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beecher—upon their 25th wedding anniversary

Mrs. Evelyn Berets—upon the birth of a grandson, James Carl Berets

Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Haft—upon the marriage of their daughter Helen to Mr. Bernard Kamber

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koch—upon the birth of a grandson, Daniel Koch

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Osserman—upon the birth of a son Eric Kenneth, and to his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Harold S. Osserman

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Seligman—upon their fifth wedding anniversary

Condolences

Mr. Max Borgenicht—death of his wife Frances

Mrs. Edith Feldman—death of her husband Sol R. Feldman

Mrs. Nathan Levine—death of her mother Mrs. Anna Willner

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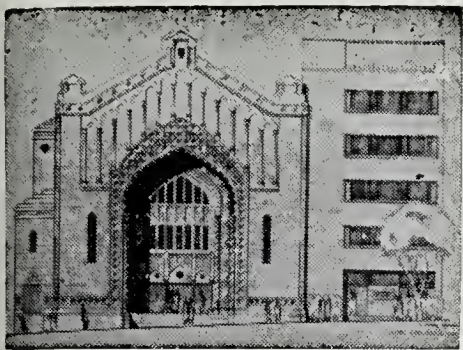
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YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

will be held on last day
of Passover

Thursday morning, April 30

Those wishing to memorialize any member of their family are asked to return the enclosed card to reach the synagogue office no later than Monday, April 27.

Judge Irwin D. Davidson To Be Guest Speaker At Men's Club Sabbath Service, Friday, April 17

The annual Men's Club Sabbath Service will be held Friday evening, April 17, at 8:30 P.M. Judge Irwin D. Davidson of the Court of General Sessions will be the guest speaker, and his topic will be, "The Jury Is Still Out."

Judge Davidson is well known to the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue and the Men's Club, having been a guest speaker at many of the Men's Club functions in the past, and is recognized as a brilliant orator.

Graduated from the Washington Square College of New York University in 1927 with a B.S. degree. Judge Davidson continued his studies at the N.Y.U. Law School and received his law degree in 1928. As a student at Washington Square College he showed great promise and won the Gold Key, the highest scholarship award. He engaged in many extra curricular activities and wrote and participated in the first Varsity Show. He was also president of his class.



JUDGE IRWIN D. DAVIDSON

In 1935 he was appointed counsel to the Legislative Bill Drafting Commission, which post he held for two years. Shortly thereafter he was designated special counsel to the New York State Mortgage Commission. He also served in the New York State Legislature for a period of 12 years, and during his tenure in office he was acting Democratic Leader of the House. While serving

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Schedule of Passover and Sabbath Services

Friday Evening, April 17 8:30 P.M.

Judge Irwin D. Davidson

will speak on

"The Jury Is Still Out"

Men's Club Sabbath Service and Oneg Shabbat

Saturday Morning, April 18 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Pascal Kaplan

Son of Mrs. Claude Kaplan and Mr. Jacques Kaplan

FIRST DAYS OF PASSOVER

Wednesday Evening, April 22 5:45 P.M.

Thursday Morning, April 23 9:30 A.M.

Thursday Evening, April 23 5:45 P.M.

Congregational Seder to follow

Friday Morning, April 24 9:30 A.M.

INTERMEDIATE SABBATH OF PASSOVER

Friday Evening, April 24 5:45 P.M.

Saturday Morning, April 25 9:30 A.M.

CLOSING DAYS OF PASSOVER

Tuesday Evening, April 28 5:45 P.M.

Wednesday Morning, April 29 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday Evening, April 29 5:45 P.M.

Thursday Morning, April 30 9:30 A.M.

Including the Yizkor Memorial Service

Friday Evening, May 1 8:30 P.M.

First Graduation Exercises

of the

High School Department

of the

Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School

Saturday Morning, May 2 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Joel Maurice Bergmann

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Bergmann

Dr. Nadich will preach at all Passover and Sabbath morning services.

Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will officiate assisted by the Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Individual Responsibility

In another column of this BULLETIN an article appears about Jewish life in Alpena, Michigan.

The experience of Mr. Robert Layman, a senior of the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, with the Jewish community in Alpena should be of intense interest to Jews everywhere.

Here in an "isolated community," a small group of Jews consisting of 53 adults maintains a synagogue building, and in their limited fashion these people seek to follow Jewish customs and ceremonies and to teach their children some of the beauty of their Jewish heritage so they may feel a sense of identification with Judaism.

What is most inspiring, however, is the fact that all of this has been accomplished, except for the outside aid they receive during the summer months, by the members of this small Jewish community who have voluntarily accepted their individual responsibility to assure the continuance of their Jewish identity.

As part of the Conservative Movement, we can take pride in the tremendous work of the Seminary in preparing students for the rabbinate to fill the great need of small communities throughout the country which otherwise would be unable to receive this help in maintaining their Jewish life.

As individuals, we can also be reminded of our individual responsibility towards our own synagogue. Everyone agrees that one of the most important functions of any synagogue is to provide a daily *Minyan* for those who may have to say *Kaddish* or observe a *Yahrzeit* or who wish to spend a few moments in spiritual contemplation at the end of a business day. Very few of us, however, are willing to do anything about it.

Fortunately for us, Mr. L. Chester Glaser, chairman of the *Minyan* commit-

tee, has devoted himself almost single-handedly to maintaining the *Minyan* which is held in the Appleman Chapel at 5:45 P.M. each day except Friday. Such loyalty and devotion as Chester Glaser has manifested is worthy of the highest commendation.

Perhaps some of us will be inspired by Chester Glaser's personal devotion, as well as that of the handful of Jews in Alpena, to accept our individual responsibility towards the maintenance of the daily *Minyan*. Is it too much to ask each member of the congregation to attend the daily services at least one day a month? If a sufficient number of individuals would be willing to do so, the daily *Minyan* would be assured.

Although the Men's Club has sponsored this daily service, obviously this is a congregational responsibility and warrants the support of every member of our congregation. If you want to help, please send your name to Chester Glaser at the synagogue office, indicating the day you have selected to serve.

— N.R.

Jewish Life In Alpena

Alpena, Michigan is situated on Thunder Bay on the Lake Huron shore of northeastern Michigan. Except for U. S. Highway 23 and an occasional bus, Alpena is otherwise inaccessible. Despite its isolation from the large cities in Michigan, Alpena has had an active Jewish community for over eight decades. It traces its origins to 1877, when the local Hebrew Benevolent Society was organized.

Of the total population of 15,000, Alpena today boasts of fifty-three Jewish adults. The Jewish population has remained unchanged since 1900. Over the years, the community was largely Orthodox. Although a Reform group was organized for a short time, it reunited with the Orthodox group around 1920.

The congregation owns a modest white frame synagogue building, which remains closed for the greater part of the year. The community's greatest handicap, however, is its lack of a rabbi or Hebrew teacher. Usually this function has been performed by a rabbinical student for the High Holy Days.

Robert Layman, a senior at the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, spent the past two summers as active rabbi at Temple Beth El in Alpena. When Mr. Layman and his wife journeyed to this small community to

serve this congregation, they found a group of Jews eager to learn about their heritage. Mr. Layman organized adult education classes for the discussion of Jewish problems and the study of the prayer book and he also taught Hebrew and Jewish history, customs and ceremonies to the older children. His wife taught the kindergarten class three mornings a week.

Although the religious services during the year were held only on *Yahrzeits* and the High Holy Days, Mr. Layman was able to hold regular Friday evening services during the entire summer and, of course, on the High Holy Days. When a Bar Mitzvah occurred, there would be a Sabbath morning service. The Junior Congregation, however, composed of the children from the Religious School, met with Mr. Layman for a short service each Sabbath morning. He also held services on *Erev Tisha B'av* and on *Shabbat Shuvah*.

During the rest of the year, the lay members of Temple Beth El have conducted annual Hanukkah and Purim parties, as well as community *Sedorim*. Now they have a Friday evening religious service every second Friday of the month and members of the congregation conduct the services and deliver the sermon. The Sunday morning classes for the children are conducted by the parents, and children from neighboring towns within a radius of sixty miles attend these classes.

In an article appearing in the United Synagogue Review, which is published by the United Synagogue of America, Mr. Layman wrote of his inspiring experience with Jewish life in "Paul Bunyan country." The foregoing information has been culled from that article. This is another concrete example of Jews living in an "isolated community" endeavoring to keep Judaism alive and accepting their individual responsibility to do so.

The concluding statement in Mr. Layman's article merits serious consideration:

"Above all, we will never cease to be amazed that, despite its isolation, the Jewish community of Alpena voluntarily has maintained its positive Jewish identity for so many years."

RESERVE THIS DATE
Friday Evening, May 8, 1959
ANNUAL LITURGICAL
MUSIC SERVICE

Men's Sabbath Service

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in the Legislature, Judge Davidson introduced approximately 100 liberal, progressive and constructive pieces of legislation which became the law of the State of New York.

Resigning from the State Legislature in 1948 to become a Justice in the Court of Special Sessions of New York City, Judge Davidson served in that court until 1954 when he was elected a member of the 84th Congress to represent the 20th District of New York. He served a two-year term in Congress, resigning in 1956 when he was nominated for the office of Judge of the Court of General Sessions, the post he now occupies.

Judge Davidson is known for his many communal activities. These include: Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Rodeph Sholom Temple, the American Hospital at Denver, Holy Name Center, New York Philanthropic League for Crippled Children, Grand Street Boys' Foundation, of all of which he is a Trustee. He was chairman of the Speakers' Bureau for the United Jewish Appeal. He is a member of the New York City Bar Association, New York County Lawyers, Tau Delta Phi fraternity and the Army-Navy Union, U.S.A. He is also a member of the Board of Visitors for the Washington Square College of Arts and Sciences.

Participating in the religious portion of the services will be Albert Siegel, chairman of the Sabbath service committee, Harry Dubin, L. Chester Glaser, Monroe Heyward, Frank Howard, Julian Jacobs, Dr. Harry Neivert and Samuel Wick.

An Oneg Shabbat will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium following the services.

Message From Jacob Klein

We are happy to report that Gertrude Klein, wife of our beloved president Jacob Klein, who was stricken in Florida several weeks ago, is making progress in her recovery.

Jake has been deluged with letters and messages inquiring about Gertrude's condition, but he has been unable to reply to the many communications he has received. Jake has asked us to thank all of you who have been so thoughtful and so considerate and to tell you how much he appreciates your kindness.

Passover Holidays Begin Wednesday Eve April 22

The Passover holidays will be ushered in with the evening service on Wednesday, April 22 at 5:45 o'clock. The first seder for families in their homes will take place that evening, as is the traditional practice, and it is hoped that old and young alike will gather around the festive table this year to celebrate the freedom we enjoy and to rededicate ourselves to its perpetuation in our own country, in Israel and for all men everywhere.

The educational value of the seder, transmitted from one generation to the next, stems from the fact that grandparents and parents join with children and grandchildren to reenact this dramatic presentation of freedom's story, to sing the familiar songs and to carry out the cherished rituals. Many of us treasure certain beloved memories because, as children, we attended the seder in the home of parents or grandparents. Our children and grandchildren are entitled to the same kind of memories.

The Congregational Seder will take place the next evening, on the second night of Passover, Thursday, April 23, immediately following the evening service in the synagogue which begins at 5:45 P.M. Mrs. Paul Bercu, chairman of the Congregational Seder Committee, has announced that a limited number of reservations may still be accepted from members of the congregation for themselves, members of their immediate families and a limited number of guests.

Rabbi Nadich, Hazzan Putterman and the synagogue choir, with Mr. George Crook at the piano, will conduct the seder.

The morning services will take place on the first days of Passover, Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24 at 9:30 A.M. For the Intermediate Sabbath of Passover week the schedule will include the evening service on Friday, April 24 at 5:45 P.M. and Sabbath morning, April 25 at 9:30 A.M.

During the closing days of Passover the evening services will be at 5:45 P.M. on Tuesday, April 28 and Wednesday, April 29, while the morning services will commence at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30. The Yizkor Memorial Service will be included in the morning services on the last day, Thursday, April 30.

National Airlines Trip

The decision of Sisterhood's UJA Bazaar Committee to award a seven-day trip to Havana via the National Airlines as a special feature of the Bazaar has been received with great enthusiasm. The Bazaar will be held at the synagogue on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6.

Mrs. Theodore Meistrich, chairman of the committee in charge of this feature, reports that the books for the trip have been distributed and that already members of the congregation and of Sisterhood are sending in their remittances to be sure that they will not miss the chance of being the "lucky winner".

This special prize will include a glamorous trip to Havana via the National Airlines on one of its de luxe passenger planes. Those who have traveled on National Airlines know that the winner will be assured of all the modern comforts of air travel.

The receipts derived from the sales at the Bazaar, including the books which have been distributed, will go towards providing the funds needed for UJA'S project for the resettlement of European Jews in Israel.

Don't forget to send in your check and stubs to Mrs. Meistrich at the synagogue office, 50 East 87 Street, New York City 28. If you need additional books Mrs. Meistrich will be glad to furnish you with them.

Mr. & Mrs. Club Sponsors Art Exhibit and Sale

A surprise is planned for the congregation on May 24, from 2:00 to 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Mr. & Mrs. Club will present an art show and sale of paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculpture and creative crafts. These works will represent the talents of our own congregational "Sunday" painters and sculptors, as well as those of the more advanced artists.

Dr. Julius Leichtling, chairman of the committee appointed by the Mr. & Mrs. Club, reports that plans are being made for a reception and get-together which promises to make this a perfect Sunday afternoon. Further details will be published in a future issue of the BULLETIN. Meanwhile, reserve Sunday afternoon, May 24, on your calendar.

Rabbi Nadich will preach at all of the Passover morning services.

"Good Hunting" at UJA Sisterhood Bazaar

By JULIA KATZ

The increased flow of quality merchandise assures "good hunting" for bargain seekers at the Sisterhood UJA Bazaar in the Lemberg Auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6, according to Mrs. Irwin Rome, chairman for the bazaar.

The response to the call for merchandise and to the sale of books of chance was hailed by Mrs. Sol E. Green, "because support of the bazaar supports the U.J.A. Emergency Fund for the resettlement of East European Jews in Israel. It is most gratifying to see the sense of responsibility to assist the distressed and needy, which is one of the high ideals of the Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood. This is a basic precept of Jewish religion and tradition which we seek to maintain."

The quantity of merchandise needed by our bazaar is unlimited. Sources of merchandise should be reported to the Mesdames Wimpfheimer, co-chairmen of merchandise, or sent directly to the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Liturgical Music Service Friday Evening, May 8

In arranging your calendar of activities, please reserve the date, Friday evening, May 8, 1959 on which the Fifteenth Service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers will be presented.

Hazzan David J. Putterman has arranged for a new Friday evening service to be composed by Sholom Secunda, famous composer. There will be an augmented choir conducted by Moshe Budmor of Israel.

Admission will be by tickets to be sent to the members of the congregation, or they may be obtained at the synagogue office upon request. Further details about this annual music service will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

DAILY MINYAN

The Appleman Chapel

at 5:45 P.M.

Under the sponsorship of the
Men's Club

Dorothy Geller Honored At UJA Luncheon

Our own Dorothy Geller (Mrs. Abraham N. Geller) was the honored guest at the UJA luncheon which was held March 23 at the Plaza Hotel. By every standard the luncheon was a huge success and was attended by many members of our Synagogue who came to honor Dorothy.

Ruth Gruber, distinguished foreign correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune, sparked the theme of the luncheon with her great understanding of the situation, as a result of her recent on-the-spot coverage in Israel and Vienna.

The purpose of the luncheon was to raise money for the critical needs of the United Jewish Appeal, in establishing this "Life-Line" to Israel. The mission was accomplished, in addition to expressing a widely felt sense of affection and appreciation for Dorothy Geller and her extensive interest in the many facets of UJA activities, in which she occupies a position of top leadership.

An orchid to president of our Sisterhood, Mrs. Sol E. Green, for her donation of the floral decorations which made every table at the luncheon beautiful and gave the banquet hall an added feeling of warmth and festivity.

FREDA SACK, *Chairman*

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Technion Society Honors Saul Horowitz

Saul Horowitz, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue, will be the guest of honor at a function of the Real Estate, Builders and Allied Trades Division of the American Technion Society, to be held Monday, April 20, 1959, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Mr. Horowitz, president of H.R.H. Construction Corporation, is cited for having "undertaken to initiate constructive efforts in behalf of every humanitarian and educational undertaking." This honor which is being tendered to him by the real estate division of the American Technion Society is "in tribute to his generosity of heart and to his inspiring example of leadership.

We, in the Park Avenue Synagogue, are happy to join in the tribute which is being paid to such an illustrious and dynamic leader of our community as Saul Horowitz.

Milton Steinberg Book Exhibit

By HILDE KISCH, *Librarian*

In commemoration of the ninth anniversary of the death of the revered late spiritual leader of Park Avenue Synagogue, the Cohen Library has arranged an exhibit of his books and some of his essays in the showcase in the lobby of Milton Steinberg House.

Rabbi Steinberg's writings, a legacy of his wisdom and learning to future generations, bear all the marks of a great personality, deep scholarship, and human warmth. In *Basic Judaism* he set forth the ideals, beliefs, and practices of the Jewish religion. *A Partisan Guide to the Jewish Problem* is, as the preface states, dedicated to the comprehension of the difficulties in Jewish living and their mitigation if not their solution. Rabbi Steinberg's much acclaimed novel, *As A Driven Leaf*, set against the historical background of the second century, depicts the torment of a man who fails to solve the conflict arising from the clash of the Hebrew and Greek civilizations. The book, *From the Sermons of Rabbi Milton Steinberg*, reveals him as a preacher of great distinction and philosophical insight. The many essays, sermons, and addresses that he left behind at his death have been compiled by his wife, Mrs. Edith Steinberg, in the posthumous volume *A Believing Jew*, presenting to the reader his views and attitudes toward life and death. *The Making of the Modern Jew* deals with the forces that made the survival of the Jews possible in the course of history. It makes "the Jewish present intelligible in the light of the Jewish past."

During the last two years the librarian has made every effort to assemble a complete collection of all Rabbi Steinberg's literary contributions to many scholarly publications and journals. Though a few pieces may have eluded her, the Cohen Library now has in its possession almost all of them. They are too numerous to be cited here. She hopes to have them bound in a memorial volume for the Library.

We are fortunate in still having a number of copies of four of the articles exhibited: "To Be Or Not to Be a Jew" and "The Common Sense of Religious Faith," both published by the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation; "First Principles for American Jews" from the *Con-*

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Men's Club Plans Gala Weekend Apr. 17-18

By HARVEY GLASSER

Starting with the Men's Club Sabbath service which will be held Friday evening, April 17, Men's Club has planned a gala weekend for its members. The highlight of the festivities will come on Saturday evening, April 18, starting at 8:30 P.M. in the Lemberg Auditorium, when Men's Club will present a Cafe Parisienne for its annual Ladies' Night.

Under the magic of Harry Dubin and his committee you will be transported to the Left Bank in gay old Paree and seated at a colorful and exciting sidewalk cafe.

A delicious buffet dinner, in kosher Parisian style, will be served at 9:00 P.M. Of course, there will be ample liquid refreshment and hors d'oeuvres as well. Through the course of the evening entertaining musicians will provide sparkling music and scintillating rhythms. To cap the night's activities an unusual bit of entertainment is in store for all of us. The performers will amaze you, thrill you, have you gasping in disbelief and provide many a hearty laugh. It's a great act.

Believe it or not, there is absolutely no charge for this gala occasion. The only requirement is that you be a fully paid-up member of Men's Club.

By now you have all received your reservation cards for Ladies' Night. Get yours in the mails at once if you have not done so already. And if you are in arrears in dues send your checks in without delay.

Coming Events

Two other events of importance will take place in the months of April and May. On Sunday, April 19, the Metropolitan Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs will hold its annual conference at the Rego Park Jewish Center.

The 30th annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs will be held this year at Grossinger's, from May 17 through May 20. The rates are particularly attractive. For further information call Dr. Siegel.

Steinberg Book Exhibit

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temporary Jewish Record; and "The Creed of an American Zionist", which appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*. Interested readers may obtain all the books mentioned above through the Library.

High School Graduates Honored at Friday Service

At the Friday Evening Services on May 1, 1959, the graduates from the High School Extension Department of the Religious School will be honored by the Congregation. This will be the first graduation from this department since it was organized in September 1956.

The graduates—Leona Giat, Frana Mills, Joel Reiser, Jeri Rosner, John Stangel, Stephen M. Stowe and Joseph M. Weintraub—continued their studies in this Department of the school for a minimum of two years and have earned the eight course credits necessary for graduation.

The High School Extension Department is open to all students who attend a secular secondary school and who may or may not have had any previous religious education. Classes meet on Sunday mornings and courses are offered in Elementary and Advanced Hebrew, History of the Jews since the Second Commonwealth, The Great Jewish Books, Basic Judaism and The Prophets. The student receives two credits for completing a one-year course and is granted a diploma after he earns eight credits.

The Graduation-Confirmation Class of 1959 of the Religious School will serve as a Guard of Honor when the Principal, Mr. Martin Leichtling, presents the graduates to the Congregation. Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, Chairman of the School Board, will distribute the diplomas and awards to the graduates. Rabbi Judah Nadich will address the graduates on this memorable occasion—the first graduation of students from our High School Extension Department.

Dr. Cahnman Lectures

Dr. Werner J. Cahnman, a member of our synagogue, spoke on "Jewish Community of Vienna", at the Theodor Herzl Institute, opening the series on great Jewish Communities. He also participated in the Institute's Guidance Conference of Jewish college students.

Dr. Cahnman has done considerable research on the development of Judaism among the Jewish minorities in the lands of the Habsburg Empire during the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century.

At present, Dr. Cahnman is Professor of Sociology at Yeshiva University and at Hunter College. He has written numer-

Mr. and Mrs. Club Sabbath Attracts Many To Service

By LOUISE ABBOTT

The Mr. and Mrs. Club Sabbath Service, which was held Friday evening, April 3, attracted many young people to the synagogue.

Those participating in the religious service included Gerald Silbert, president of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, who delivered the Invocation, Arthur Abbey, Bill Abbott, Jan Abrams, Selma Leichtling, Dr. Leon Pory, Fred Schaefer, Carol Witte and Bob Witte.

Rabbi Nadich delivered an inspiring sermon on the subject, "Are Our Families Failing?"

In pointing out the importance of the family as a basic unit of society, Rabbi Nadich discussed the alarming increase of divorces and the tragic effects such broken homes have upon the children. Obviously, the rush of married people to free themselves of their marital ties is inconsistent with a "family" and the many benefits resulting from the continuance of a "family life."

Rabbi Nadich said that "In Jewish life, marriage is regarded as invested with an aura of holiness; providing the family with a sense of security and of belonging, as well as an inner identity."

Stressing "togetherness", Rabbi Nadich said: "Husbands and wives should view marriage on a high plane of mutual respect and admiration for each other, with a willingness to give, rather than to take." In addition, Rabbi Nadich pointed out how participation in synagogue life is an essential link in the development of the Jewish family. "The family who prays together, stays together; shared pleasures in a family, with common interests, tighten the bond of family life." It is important, therefore, that "our young married couples should identify themselves with the synagogue."

An Oneg Shabbat followed the services, hosted by: Diane Abbey, Louise Abbott, Ruth Pordy, Colette Schaeffer, and Ramie Silbert, Chairlady.

ous publications and among his most recent are: "A Program for the Refugees," published in the New Outlook—Middle East Monthly, which appears in Tel Aviv; "U.N. Territory in Jerusalem: A New Proposal", in the Congress Weekly; "Western Civilization and the American Negro" in the Western World.

Religious School News

By MARTIN LEICHTLING, *Principal*

Model Sedorim

On Sunday morning, April 19, the Religious School will conduct five Model Sedorim in the Milton Steinberg House.

The Primary Department of the Religious School will meet in the Lemberg Auditorium at 10:00 A.M. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the Seder for our younger children who will ask the Four Questions, relate the Pesah story and sing the holiday melodies under the leadership of our music teacher, Miss Gladys Gewirtz.

Each grade in the Hebrew Department will conduct its own Seder under the guidance of the teacher. The teacher and the class will be able to provide for a Seder that can take into consideration the age level of the students and their varying abilities in the reading of both English and Hebrew.

All the Seder tables will be decorated by the students. Many classes are planning to make special centerpieces, based upon the theme of Freedom and Liberty, for their table in addition to the traditional Pesah symbols.

The Class Mothers of the Parents Association will serve the food at each of the five Model Sedorim and will assist the teachers in conducting the Seder.

Parents of our students are invited to join with us on the morning of April 19.

The New Haggadah

The School Office will be happy to take orders for "The New Haggadah" edited by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan for the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation. This Haggadah is used by the students in the Religious School and at the Second Seder conducted by the Congregation.

"The New Haggadah" costs \$1.50 a copy. A telephone call to the School Office (EN 9-2600) or a letter, with your check, will assure you of a sufficient number of Haggadahs for your family and your guests at the Seder.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Sherr—upon their 15th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Boas — upon their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Young Peoples Group Planned For Synagogue

Recently a group of young men and women met with Rabbi Nadich at the home of Doctor and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer to discuss the advisability of organizing a new group to be affiliated with the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Those present agreed that the organization of such a group should be planned with a first general meeting to take place in the latter part of May or the beginning of June. The membership will be open to the sons and daughters of members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, the Men's Club, Sisterhood, and also to those who are alumni of the Sunday youth activities program. For the time being, the suggested age limits are seventeen to twenty-three for young ladies and eighteen to twenty-four for young men. The purposes would be largely social and cultural in character.

A temporary steering committee was selected to plan the first function and includes the following: Carol Brafman, Elizabeth Anne Gelardin, Susan Herbert, Beverly Honig, Joan Rubinstein, James B. Starkman, Jeff Weisbrod and Ellen Wimpfheimer. In addition, others present at the opening planning meeting included Robert Golding, Sue L. Jacob, Beverly L. Richman, Tersh Straus, Sue Wimpfheimer, Doris Wimpfheimer, Theodore Zucker and Gloria Ash.

Those interested in an invitation to the first function of this new group are asked to send their names and addresses to Miss Anne Lazarovsky, at the Synagogue office, 50 East 87th Street, New York 28.

Seminary Dinner

Reservations are being received for the dinner to be held on behalf of the Seminary on Thursday evening, May 7, in the Lemberg Auditorium to honor Jacob Klein, president of our synagogue, and Benjamin Sack, former chairman of our Board of Trustees.

It is suggested that you send your reservation in immediately if you have not done so, so that the necessary arrangements can be made for your comfort. Invitations and reservation cards have already been sent to our membership.

Condolences

Mr. Jacob Boorstein — death of sister, Mrs. Bella Bernstein

Youth Activities

By JERRY GOODMAN

Study Group

The Study Group, meeting each Sunday at 1:30 P.M., prior to the regular club session, has just finished an analysis of the Pesach season. This was done through song, dance, and discussion. For the remainder of the year the group will work with individually prepared programs by members based on the theme for the period. "Current Ideas in Judaism" will be the subject for the next few weeks.

Youth Seder

On Saturday, April 25, at 8:30 P.M., the Lemberg Auditorium will be the site for our Youth Seder. This is for members of the Intermediate and Senior U.S.Y. Groups, plus their guests. As in the past, we will prepare our own Haggadah for use that night. In addition, a social will follow the Seder.

Since we will not be able to accommodate everyone, anyone interested in attending is urged to notify his club leader, or the Youth Activities office.

Tuesday, May 5

Grand Opening

SISTERHOOD BAZAAR

5:00 P.M.—Sale of Merchandise
and Cocktail Hour

6:00 P.M.—Dinner—\$3.00

Evening—Auction

Drawing for

**GLAMOROUS WEEK IN HAVANA
VIA NATIONAL AIRLINES**

Wednesday, May 6

Morning — Sale of Merchandise
12 noon — Lunch—\$1.25

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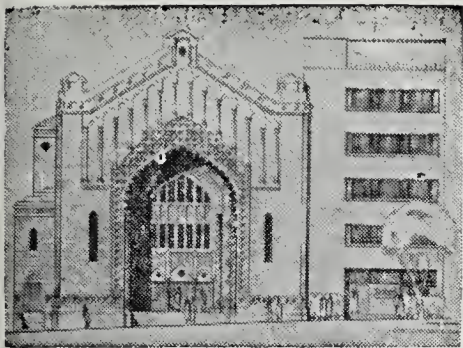
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15th Annual Service Of New Liturgical Music To Be Presented At Friday Evening Service, May 8



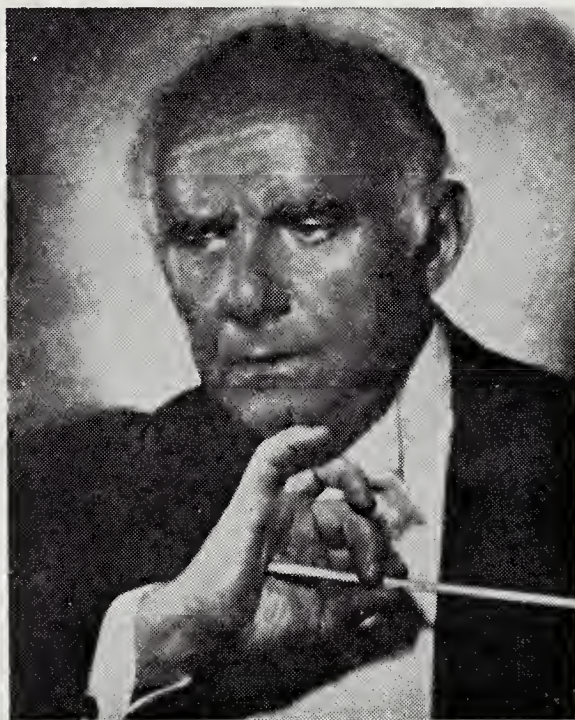
HAZZAN PUTTERMAN

**The Primary Department
of the Religious School**
will conduct its Closing Exercises on
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1959

The 15th annual service of new liturgical music by contemporary composers will be presented at the Friday Evening Service to be held at the Park Avenue Synagogue, May 8, at 8:30 P.M.

Since its inception years ago, this special service under the guidance and direction of our Hazzan David J. Putterman has grown in stature and acceptance and is now

Composer



SHOLOM SECUNDA

regarded as a major musical event, not only in the music world generally, but also in the vast field of liturgical music.

This will be the world premiere performance of an original composition by Sholom Secunda, one of America's prolific and eminent composers. It has been called "Shabbat Sholom." The augmented choir will be under the direction of Moshe Budmor, presently on tour of the United States, with George Crook at the organ.

An original and distinguished creator, Sholom Secunda has imbued his compositions with all the color and mystical beauty of a proud and ancient Jewish heritage. His preeminence in the field of Jewish liturgical music is especially remarkable in view of the composer's versatility. His prodigious list of accomp-

Conductor



MOSHE BUDMOR

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, May 8 8:30 P.M.

Fifteenth Annual Liturgical Music Service

World Premiere of "Shabbat Sholom"

A Sabbath Musical Service by Sholom Secunda

Saturday Morning, May 9 9:30 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Rhoda Epstein

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Epstein

Friday Evening, May 15 5:45 P.M.

Saturday Morning, May 16 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Alan Fleschner

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fleschner

Friday Evening, May 22 5:45 P.M.

Saturday Morning, May 23 9:30 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Bonnie Zabor

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Marc Zabor

**Rabbi Judah Nadich will preach on the Scriptural Portion
each Sabbath morning.**

*The services will be conducted by him and Hazzan David J. Putterman,
assisted by the Synagogue Choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

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"Why I Choose To Be A Jew"

The current issue of Harper's Magazine contains a thought provoking article that should evoke much discussion. It is titled, "Why I Choose to be a Jew" and was written by Arthur A. Cohen.

Mr. Cohen, the distinguished son of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore M. Cohen who have been actively identified with the Park Avenue Synagogue for many years, has written many articles on religion and philosophy and is the author of "Martin Buber", a book which received generous acclaim from the literary critics when it appeared last fall. He is also publisher of Meridian Books, Inc.

Recently, he wrote an article in which he discussed the "Problem of Pluralism", which was the first pamphlet published by The Fund for the Republic, a non-profit educational corporation, in its study on "Religion and the Free Society."

It is Mr. Cohen's contention that the development in the life of Jewry has made it possible for the modern Jew "not to remain a Jew." In the past the author points out, there were irresistible forces of history that made it difficult for a Jew to make such a choice because "Jewish birth was inescapable."

But these forces of history do not exist today, Mr. Cohen avers, so that they "no longer compel the Jew to choose Judaism." As the author affirms, "Given the freedom to choose, I have decided to embrace Judaism," because as he puts it, "Judaism is a religion which emphasizes observance of God's Law, not speculation about it."

Referring to himself as a "convert", the author frankly admits that there was a time in his life when he felt that "his growing and intense concern with religious problems was leading him away from Judaism." He acknowledges the great part that our late beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg, whom he refers to as

"An Open Letter"

PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE
50 EAST 87TH STREET
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

April 20, 1959

Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel,
President, Men's Club of Park Avenue Synagogue
180 East 79th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sig:

In my official capacity as treasurer of the Park Avenue Synagogue, I want to express to you, on behalf of the officers, members of the Board of Trustees, and the entire congregation, our gratitude to the Men's Club for its generous donation of \$4,500. representing the proceeds from the benefit performance of "Rashomon."

As a member of the Men's Club, I share with the rest of the membership, a justifiable pride in the splendid results achieved from this theater party, the first fund-raising effort undertaken by Men's Club in many years. The magnificent accomplishment indicates the potential that exists in this field, if properly utilized.

To you, Sig, I want to express our appreciation for having inaugurated this enterprise during your administration and upon the unexpected results achieved. Our thanks also to the theater party co-chairmen, Ted Meistrich and Jacob Starr, to the chairman of tickets, Judge Maxwell Shapiro, to the treasurer, Larry Meyers, and to the artistic genius of the chairman of publicity, Albert Siegel, as well as to all the other members of the committee who worked so zealously to make this function such an overwhelming success.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,
Nelson Ruttenberg,
Treasurer

"one of the most gifted and profound Jewish thinkers of recent years," played in helping him "retrace the path backwards through Christianity to Judaism."

Many of our college students whose research into Western culture in an atmosphere of Christianity may be faced with a similar intellectual or religious crisis. In their thinking and search for the truth, they too, may find themselves in doubt. In "Why I Choose to be a Jew" Arthur A. Cohen, a recognized Jewish scholar and one who has experienced these sentiments, explains his faith in the God of the Old Testament. It should prove interesting reading to many.

—N.R.

Last Call For Seminary Dinner, May 7

Have you circled May 7 on your calendar?

It's a date you won't want to miss!

The testimonial dinner to be given by the Park Avenue Synagogue to its distinguished leaders, Jacob Klein, its president, and Ben Sack, former chairman of its Board of Trustees, will be held Thursday evening, May 7 in the Lemberg Auditorium.

This promises to be a memorable occasion. Dr. Gershon D. Cohen, Jewish scholar and teacher, will be the featured speaker, and special citations will be awarded to the guests of honor.

The dinner, on behalf of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will be attended by many members of the Synagogue and friends of the guests of honor and of the Seminary.

We hope you will join in paying this well-deserved tribute to our leaders. If you have not done so already, please make your reservations through the Synagogue office at once.

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Liturgical Music Service, Friday Evening, May 8

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ishments includes music for the theater, chamber music, symphonic works, and opera and popular songs.

Born in Alexandria, Russia, Secunda came to the United States as an eight-year-old vocal prodigy but soon forsaking his singing career, he briefly studied engineering at Cooper Union. The lure of music was too strong, however, and he soon transferred to Columbia University, where he studied music under Professor Farnsworth. He was graduated from the Institute of Musical Art (Juilliard) in 1917 where Percy Goetschius was one of his instructors. He continued his study of instrumentation under the tutelage of Ernest Bloch.

Secunda's music is known and loved throughout the world. He has appeared on all major radio and television networks, and since 1946, he served as musical director of the Concord Hotel, Kiamasha Lake, New York, where he presents and conducts weekly summer symphonic concerts featuring the world's outstanding soloists. Secunda has gained wide fame as a guest lecturer for his dissertations on liturgical music. He is music critic for the Jewish Daily Forward, the world's largest Yiddish daily newspaper, and also the musical director of the Brooklyn Jewish Center.

A resident of New York City, Secunda is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and, since 1932, he has been president of the Society of Jewish Composers.

Moshe Budmor, who will conduct the augmented choir, is from Israel and at present is on tour of the United States.

Born in 1923 in Bucholz, Germany, he emigrated to Israel in 1932 and graduated in 1942 from the Israel Academy of Music in Jerusalem. He majored in violin, and played in various orchestras as violinist and violist but his interest in conducting soon led him to the field of choral groups.

Coming to the United States in 1950 to attend the Juilliard School of Music, Budmor studied choral conducting with R. Hufstader and did graduate work in orchestral conducting with J. P. Morel. He received his postgraduate diploma in orchestral conducting in 1953.

On his return to Israel, Budmor settled in Haifa and started his career as assistant conductor of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. The following year, he was made its permanent conductor and

musical director and served until 1957 in that capacity. He also appeared as guest conductor with other orchestras, especially the Radio Orchestra.

In 1954, Budmor founded the Haifa Chamber Choir, and under his baton, performed many important choral works not previously presented in Israel. He also founded the Haifa String Players which performed throughout Israel.

Active in the field of musical education, Mr. Budmor teaches composition and theoretical subjects at the Haifa Conservatory of Music, where he founded and directs the Students' Symphony Orchestra. He also founded and directs the Haifa Municipal Youth Chorus.

The Park Avenue Synagogue is happy and proud to dedicate these programs to the enhancement of Jewish worship. Many a brilliant composer has been encouraged to give of his genius to the enrichment of Jewish Music and has been rewarded in the knowledge that some part of his original composition has found a place in the wealth of Jewish liturgical music. To Hazzan Putterman, who has been the guiding force in the creation of these programs, go the thanks of our entire membership.

Following the service a reception will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium for the composer and conductor and the invited guests. Tickets have been mailed to the membership but if additional seats are required, please communicate with the synagogue office so that you may obtain them in advance of the Service.

Closing Session Of Judges-Lawyers Seminar

The closing session of the Judges and Lawyers Seminar will take place in the Cohen Library, Room 200 in the Milton Steinberg House on Thursday evening, May 14 at 8:30 P.M. Rabbi Nadich will discuss Jewish law as presented by the Code of Maimonides with regard to the subjects of bailments, sales and inheritance.

The meetings of this Seminar, which have been open to the judges and attorneys who are members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, have been marked by good attendance, lively discussion and friendly feeling from the first meeting in October onward. At this last session closing remarks will be made by Rabbi Nadich and Justice Bernard Botwin, chairman of the seminar.

Congregational Meeting Sunday Evening, May 17

Official notice of the annual congregational meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue, which will be held Sunday evening, May 17, at 8:30 P.M. in the Lemberg Auditorium, has already been sent to the members of our congregation.

This year, the customary congregational dinner will not be served but instead there will be a collation directly following the annual meeting. It is hoped that many of the members of our congregation will thus be able to attend the meeting and familiarize themselves with the many activities of the synagogue.

The proposed slate of officers and directors submitted by the nominating committee, headed by Ben Sack, its chairman, Ezra Cohen, Nelson Ruttenberg, Archie Thurman and Max Zahler, and which was unanimously approved at the previous meeting of the Board of Trustees, will be presented. The following have been nominated:

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Rabbi Judah Nadich will be the installing officer.

The meeting will be opened by Jacob Klein, our president, who has returned from Florida with his beloved wife, Gertrude, who is convalescing at home from her recent illness. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, will submit his annual report covering the entire activity of the congregation.

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Reflections On The Jewish Home Beautiful

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

A heralded event to which all of us looked forward—the presentation of the Jewish Home Beautiful—far surpassed the imagination and expectation of the huge crowd who had the pleasure of seeing this pageant portrayed on Tuesday evening, April 14, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Mrs. Sol E. Green, our president, extended cordial greetings to the many guests, including representatives from several synagogues throughout the city and from other organizations.

Following a brief business meeting, and the reading of the proposed slate of officers for the coming year by Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the nominating committee, the evening was given over to the pageant.

Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow, chairman of the presentation, organized this gigantic undertaking and made it possible for so many of us to enjoy a memorable evening. Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer did a splendid job as co-ordinator.

Our special thanks to Mrs. Cecil B. Ruskay, who rehearsed and directed the cast, and who so dramatically narrated the story of the holidays commencing with Rosh Hashanah and continuing through Shabuot, and the Sabbath. In her opening remarks, Mrs. Ruskay referred to the important part that Jewish women play in creating the beauty of the home. "Men build houses", she said, "but women make them homes."

Rosh Hashanah, which is observed on the first two days of the month of Tishri, was beautifully portrayed by Mrs. Sol E. Green. She explained the solemnity of this Holy Day as a season for self-examination and self-judgment and pointed out the significance of the round hollah and the piece of sweet apple dipped in honey.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of all days, was reverently depicted by Mrs. Edward Peiper. Mr. Isidore Hahn then added to the reality of the holiday by the blowing of the Shofar.

Mrs. Anna Edelman caught the spirit of the Sukkot Festival when she explained the significance of the Sukkah as symbolic of the trials and experiences of the Jewish people during their wanderings in the wilderness, and the meaning of the lulav or palm branch, and the ethrog or citron.

Especially inspiring was the Simhat Torah Festival, the Rejoicing in the Torah, when Sisterhood honored Mrs. Sarah Botein Bernstein as Kalah Bereshit, and Mrs. Mathilda Weill Cohen as Kalah Torah for their service and their love of Judaism.

Mrs. Judah Nadich and her two lovely daughters, Leah Nessa and Shira Adina, charmingly created the spirit of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, as she chanted the blessings for the kindling of the lights.

The Feast of Purim was presented by Mrs. Samuel Tedoff and her grandchildren, Peggy Duke Kutzer and Amy Lee Phillips. Mrs. Tedoff explained the importance of the exchange of gifts or "Shalach Monoth" and the giving of presents to the needy as a feature of the spirit of Purim. Mrs. Mitchell Leventhal charmed the guests with her rendition of "Heint ist Purim."

Passover, the Festival of Freedom, commemorating the deliverance of the Jewish people from their Egyptian bondage, was delightfully presented by Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer and her charmers, Ann and David. Great was the applause when little Ann sang the four traditional questions in Hebrew.

Mrs. Jacob Starr and her granddaughter, Tama Starr, pictured the impressive confirmation ceremony of Shabuot, the Feast of Weeks, sometimes referred to as the Festival of the Harvest or the Day of the First-Fruits. Mrs. Starr explained to Tama the meaning of confirmation and the real spirit of dedication.

Finally the pageant came to a close with the blessing of the Sabbath as Mrs. Milton Heller, charmingly kindled the lights and recited the Sabbath prayer. Hazzan Putterman chanted the Kiddush.

During the presentation, Hazzan Putterman sang many of the melodies, appropriate to each holiday. Mollie Nait and Harriet Green, members of the choir, also entertained as soloists.

Then followed a tour of the tables, each of which was breathtaking with glowing candles, beautiful flowers, precious china and laden with traditional food for the respective holidays. Each table was the creative masterpiece of the members of Sisterhood who portrayed the particular holiday.

Refreshments were served by the following hostesses: Mesdames, Jacob Boneparth, Charles Bennet, Ben Boas, Paul Bercu, Josie Dubrowin, Samuel Gellert, Marvin Spiegel and Samuel Wimpfheimer. This was an evening long to be

UJA Festival Of Freedom

UJA's annual Person-to-Person campaign will be inaugurated by the Festival of Freedom, to be held on Thursday evening, May 14, at Madison Square Garden.

The occasion will mark the 11th Anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel and will be a farewell celebration to His Excellency Abba Eban, Ambassador of Israel to the United States, who is returning to his country.

The speakers will include Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, distinguished American Jewish leader, Edward M. M. Warburg, Honorary Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Chairman of the UJA Person-to-Person campaign. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion will address the audience by way of a special telephone message.

In addition, there will be a concert by members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Wilfred Pelletier, Conductor of the Montreal Symphony, with Mischa Elman, the celebrated violin virtuoso, Mimi Benzell and Albert Da Costa, stars of the opera and the concert stage, as soloists.

To attend this memorable evening, all you have to do is to enroll as a volunteer worker in the Person-to-Person campaign and you will receive your tickets of admission.

For American Jews, living in safety and security, Passover was not merely the celebration of an ancient flight from bondage, for we are now witnessing still another exodus of our people. Thousands of East European Jews, who have been crossing the sea of freedom to Israel during the past few months are re-enacting the Passover story. They, too, have known the bitter taste of oppression and, like their ancestors of old, they left their homelands with but few possessions but great hope in their hearts.

Here is an historic opportunity to demonstrate the unity of the Jewish people as we reaffirmed the brotherhood of all Jews at the recent Seder service.

cherished by all who had the opportunity of seeing "The Jewish Home Beautiful."

We are grateful to Mrs. Cecil R. Ruskay, who so generously volunteered her services and who made this fine presentation possible, and to Mrs. Ilsa Wunsch, who graciously accompanied her on the piano during the entire pageant and furnished the musical background for Mrs. Ruskay's inspiring narrative.

An Evening Of Fun With Harry Hershfield Planned For Parents Association Meeting

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

The Parents Association, at its open meeting on Wednesday evening, May 20, will have as its guest, Harry Hershfield, internationally known cartoonist, humanitarian, and humorist.

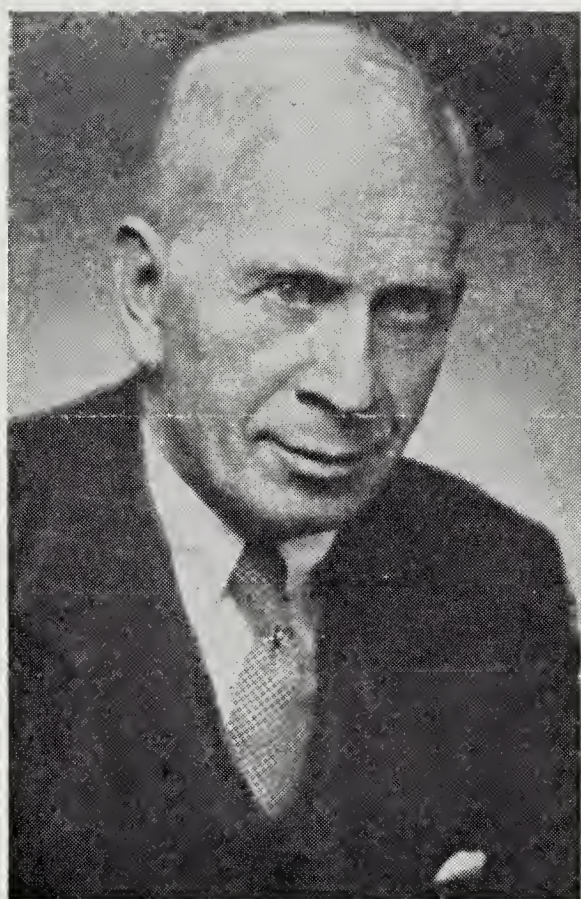
Now in his seventieth year, Mr. Hershfield, officially proclaimed as "Mr. New York", is in great demand for personal appearances from coast to coast. As toastmaster and master of ceremonies, he has participated in innumerable humanitarian and fund raising activities. Foremost among these is the New York Cardiac Home in Yonkers, which was established through the efforts of Mr. Hershfield and his close friend, Alfred J. McCosker, chairman of the Board of WOR-Mutual. This organization, which makes no distinction as to race, creed or color, provides the necessary care for those suffering from cardiac ailments who are unable to pay for such treatment.

A few days prior to his scheduled appearance at the meeting of the Parents Association, Mr. Hershfield will be honored by a day-long celebration in New York for a life devoted to humanitarian causes. At that time, leaders in business, politics, sports, and philanthropy will pay him well-earned homage at a testimonial dinner.

On a recent Sunday, WCBS-TV program, Mr. Hershfield acted as narrator for a special Passover program called "And He Remembered", presented by the New York Board of Rabbis and by Federation.

With the nationally syndicated strip, "Desperate Desmond", Harry Hershfield's fame soared. "Abe Kabibble", the first adult comic strip, followed. Between comic strips, he began his story-telling and monologues in a series of personal appearances. His column, "Broadway Unlimited", was followed by a weekly radio review of the theater called "One Man's Opinion." He also initiated the column in the Sunday Mirror, known as "My Week", which is still a regular feature. For years, Mr. Hershfield has delighted his audiences as a member of the comedy panel "Can You Top This?"

An "Evening of Fun" with Harry Hershfield promises to be one of the highlights of the year. Our thanks to Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, chairman of the program committee, for having arranged to have Mr. Hershfield with us at this meeting.



HARRY HERSHFIELD

DAILY MINYAN SERVICE

at 5:45 P.M.

Appleman Chapel

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Any of Our Services?

Preceding Mr. Hershfield's appearance, there will be a brief business meeting, during which Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, president of the Parents Association, will review the activities of the group throughout the year. Mrs. Leon Klein, chairman of the nominating committee, will present the slate of officers for the coming year.

Be sure to make a note of the date, Tuesday evening, May 20, and plan to enjoy an evening of fun with the outstanding humorist, Harry Hershfield.

Following the meeting, there will be a social hour when refreshments will be served under the supervision of Mrs. James Leff, chairman of hospitality, and her committee.

Mr. & Mrs. Club Art Show Sunday Afternoon, May 24

By LOUISE ABBOTT

The creative talents of members of the Congregation will be in full array when the Mr. and Mrs. Club presents its fabulous Art Exhibit and Sale on Sunday afternoon, May 24 from 3 to 6 P.M.

Congregants of the Park Avenue Synagogue will have an opportunity to sell or display their paintings, drawing, sculpturing; as well as view other works of art. The affair highlights the activities of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, who have put tremendous work into this project.

We understand this is the first art exhibit ever held at the Park Avenue Synagogue and will include many paintings of famous artists, which have been loaned by members of the congregation for the purpose of this exhibit.

Busily engaged in charting the course for the Art Exhibit are: Dr. Julius Leichtling, Chairman, Mrs. Selma Leichtling, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Abbey, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. William Abbott, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Pordy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schaeffer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Silbert, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Witte.

Entry blanks will be mailed to the congregants and should be returned as soon as possible directed to the attention of the Art Exhibit.

Art for the Exhibit may be brought to the Synagogue on the following days: Wednesday and Thursday—May 13, 14 Wednesday and Thursday—May 20, 21

(2-4 P.M. and 7-9 P.M.)

Friday—May 15 and Friday—May 22 (2-4 P.M.)

A Cocktail Reception is planned during the Art Exhibit and the Mr. and Mrs. Club eagerly looks forward to meeting and greeting the Congregation at this gay, colorful event.

Congregational Meeting

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After the termination of the business part of the meeting, there will be a collation served and an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Please reserve this date, Sunday evening, May 17, and join your fellow-congregants in our annual congregational meeting.

The Frosts Hosts At Paraplegic Luncheon

Information has come to the desk of the editor from our president, Jacob Klein, about a luncheon recently given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frost, at the Whitehall, in Palm Beach, Florida, for the benefit of paraplegics.

Speaking at the luncheon, Mrs. Frost announced the building of a Recreational Center for the physically handicapped veterans to be located in Ossining, New York, on the property of the Kress Foundation. This property was purchased by the "Fifty-Two" Association, a group of veterans in New York who are filling a much needed void in helping paralyzed veterans.

Robert Frost, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frost, has served as president of the "Fifty-Two" group for the past two years and was instrumental in securing this property from the Kress Foundation. He has also written a book, in collaboration with his wife, on the care of paraplegics which is used and referred to by veterans in almost all parts of the world.

As Mrs. Frost said, "Sometimes a wheel chair needs to be replaced. The Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association stresses patient endurance, while it seeks whatever help, methods and formulas are available for bettering the mental and physical conditions of each case."

The Recreation Center, which the "Fifty-Two" Association plans to build at Ossining can mean the difference between hope and despair. It is maintained through voluntary contributions and supplements the work of the E.P.V.A. "It is a place", remarked Mrs. Frost, "where a boy in a wheel chair comes to meet his buddies in like circumstances, to mutually discuss their personal problems. It has become their Alma Mater, their Alumni, their father and mother, their uncle and aunt, to whom they can go for advice and counselling. In their togetherness, they help each other maintain a cheerful, hopeful and optimistic state of mind. It is a place for them to go when they are frightened and insecure."

Such devoted service to such a worthy cause truly represents the faith of mankind in the ultimate triumph over all form of disaster. As Mrs. Frost expressed it: "Such love and faith brings the rich inner rewards that we so unconsciously seek above all things."

Minyan Group Toasts Archie Richman Bon Voyage

The comradery and good fellowship that has developed among the loyal and devoted members of the Minyan group was manifested recently at the conclusion of the daily services held in the Appleman Chapel, Wednesday, April 16.

Archie Richman, one of the mainstays of the Minyan since its inception, was leaving with his wife for a trip abroad which included plans to spend the Pass-over holidays in Israel. If records were kept, Archie would probably have an attendance record of 100% at all of our daily services.

At the end of the services, Judge Samuel R. Gold, one of the worshippers, read the inspirational reading and Rabbi Nadich blessed Archie with the traditional blessing for one leaving on a voyage. All those present were then invited to the adjoining room, where Rabbi Nadich offered a toast to Archie and spoke briefly of his devoted and loyal attendance at the Minyan services. Everyone joined in wishing Archie an enjoyable trip in good health and a safe return.

Bon voyage, Archie, we shall miss you while you are gone and shall look forward to your safe return.

New Young Peoples Group To Hold First Meeting

The first open meeting of the new Young People's League will take place at the synagogue on Wednesday evening, June 17, 1959. This first function of the group will take the form of a cocktail reception and organizational meeting to be followed by a period of socializing and dancing.

The membership of the group will be open to the sons and daughters of members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, the Men's Club, the Sisterhood, and also to those who are alumni of the youth activities program. The suggested age limits are seventeen to twenty-three for young ladies and eighteen to twenty-five for young men.

Those interested in receiving an invitation to attend the first open meeting are asked to send their names and addresses to Miss Anne Lazarovsky at the synagogue office, 50 East 87th Street, New York 28.

Who Will Be The Winner National Airline Trip?

Whenever Sisterhood's UJA Bazaar, which is to be held at the Park Avenue Synagogue on Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6, is the subject of conversation, it always includes the special prize to be awarded during the first evening session on Tuesday, May 5.

This is the seven-day trip to Havana via National Airlines, "the airline of the skies to those who know the difference."

Recently, National Airlines announced the establishment of a new "5-Star Service" which makes flights on National Airlines one of the most pleasurable parts of one's vacation. If you want to be eligible for this fabulous trip, all you have to do is return your book of stubs and your check to Mrs. Ted Meistrich, c/o the synagogue, 50 East 87th Street, New York City.

And what is more important, your contribution will go towards the Emergency Fund for the resettlement of European Jews in Israel. Here is a chance to do a good deed and also be the "lucky winner" of this trip to Havana via National Airlines.

Zionist Manhattan Region Honors Dr. Wechsler

Dr. Harry F. Wechsler, one of the distinguished members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, was recently honored by the Manhattan Region of the Zionist Organization of America with a testimonial dinner at the Hotel Plaza.

A member of a family which has been prominent for decades in Zionism and communal activities, Dr. Wechsler has been an active figure in the ranks of the Zionist Organization of America and a member of the A.Z.F. Committee for many years. He founded the sixth Zionist District and has served as its president for many years. He has also been successful in his post as chairman of the Israel Bond campaigns.

We join in sharing this honor which has been tendered to a valiant leader in the struggle for the establishment of the State of Israel.

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Seminary Corner

Rabbinical Assembly Convention

The Rabbinical Assembly of America will hold its 59th annual national convention at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, from May 17 to May 21.

One of the important topics to be discussed is "The Possibility of Dialogue Between Judaism and Christianity in Our Time." Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, leading Protestant theologian, will present this subject for the consideration of the assembled rabbis. Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, Executive Director of the Synagogue Council of America, will continue the discussion of this topic in his paper, "The Role of the Rabbi in Jewish-Christian Relations."

Eternal Light Program

The regular Sunday radio program of the Eternal Light will be presented over the National Broadcasting Company radio station WRCA at 12:30 P.M. May 10, *My Unpredictable Story Telling Father*, by Marc Siegel.

May 17, *Little Sakiki*, by Irve Tunick.

May 24, *Watchman, What of the Night?*, by Joseph Mindel.

Seminary Establishes

Marriage Counselling Service

Alarmed at the increasing rate of divorce resulting in broken homes and its tragic effects on the family, The Jewish Theological Seminary and the Rabbinical Assembly have established a marriage counselling service under the auspices of the *Beth Din* (Jewish Court), in the hope of preserving the sanctity of marriage.

The public announcement of this new service by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, Dr. Isaac Klein, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, and Dr. Mortimer Ostow, well known psychiatrist who heads the department of psychiatry at the Seminary, was the result of many years of research and study on the part of rabbis and psychiatrists to find a common ground for their joint effort in resolving marital conflicts.

In outlining the development of the new project, Dr. Finkelstein praised the efforts of Dr. Klein, a member of the *Beth Din* since its inception, in obtaining acceptance of the new *Ketubah*, or marriage contract, adopted in 1954, under which both bride and groom acknowledge the authority of the *Beth Din* or its representative to counsel them in the light of Jewish tradition.

The second step in the program was the creation of the department of pastoral psychiatry under Dr. Ostow's di-

rection at the Rabbinical School of the Seminary in 1955.

Both the Seminary and the Rabbinical Assembly hope that this counselling service will be copied in communities all over the country, wherever able rabbinic scholars and skilled psychiatrists are available. Such service would do much to reduce the high divorce rate in our society and even more to remove the causes of serious unhappiness within existing marriages. The achievements made in two years of experimentation, according to Dr. Finkelstein, furnish ample proof of the potential effectiveness of this approach to marital problems.

Seminary Brotherhood Medal To Be Awarded

The 1959 Universal Brotherhood Medal will be awarded to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and to Dr. A. Whitney Griswold, president of Yale University, at the annual Brotherhood dinner of the Jewish Theological Seminary to be held Sunday, May 17, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The Medal, given each year by the Seminary to outstanding figures whose life and work "have epitomized and advanced the principles of universal brotherhood", will be presented to Mrs. Roosevelt and Dr. Griswold before more than 1500 guests, including foreign ambassadors, United Nations representatives and national leaders and businessmen.

Mrs. Roosevelt, whose life and work are living examples of her profound belief in the fundamental principles of universal brotherhood, is recognized throughout the world for her dedicated efforts toward furthering mutual understanding and respect among peoples and nations.

President Griswold, who has taught history and international affairs at Yale since 1933, became president of that great University in 1950. Regarded as one of the nation's most prominent educators, President Griswold is an outspoken proponent of academic freedom and the preservation of basic human rights and liberties.

Last year, former President Harry S. Truman was the recipient of the Medal. The Brotherhood Movement was organized in 1951 for the purpose of presenting a creative concept of brotherhood, human dignity and fundamental freedom and the adoption of its principles.

Sisterhood Birthday Party Tuesday, May 26

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

The annual meeting of Sisterhood, her gala birthday party, will be held Tuesday, May 26, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

The following officers have been proposed by the nominating committee, headed by Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman, for the coming year:

Chaplain.....Mrs. Sol E. Green

President.....Mrs. Irwin H. Rome

Vice-presidents...Mrs. Herman Helpern

Mrs. Abel Phillips

Mrs. Jacob Starr

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer

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Mrs. Marvin Spiegel

Treasurer.....Mrs. Paul Bercu

Also nominated as additional members to the Executive Board to serve a 1-year terms are: Mrs. Ben W. Boas, Mrs. Morris Cohen and Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum.

Luncheon will be served at noon, and will be followed by the election of officers and their installation by Rabbi Judah Nadich. Further details will be announced in the next issue of the BULLETIN, but in the meanwhile please reserve the date, May 26, and join us at this gay party.

Sisterhood's Annual Visit

To Home for the Jewish Blind

The annual visit of Sisterhood to the Home of the Guild for the Jewish Blind at Yonkers will be made Tuesday, May 12. Sisterhood's Executive Board, which has its meeting set for that day, will start its business promptly at 10:30 A.M. Lunch will be served to the members of the Executive Board attending the meeting.

Immediately following the meeting, the group will leave for Yonkers. Mrs. Alfred Leubeck, chairman of the committee in charge of this function, urges all those who plan to attend, to contact her (AT 9-2576), as the cars will leave the Synagogue at 1:00 P.M. This visit should be a most rewarding experience.

Irene Last, folk singer and guitarist, will entertain the group with a selection of charming folk songs. Sisterhood will serve refreshments to the men and women residents of the Home who eagerly look forward each year to Sisterhood's visit.

Religious School Registration in May

The Jewish Education Committee has designated the month of May a REGISTRATION MONTH. During the month, Religious schools in the Metropolitan area will register all NEW children who will be coming to the school in September, 1959.

The Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School educational program provides for:

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT for children from the ages of 6 through 9. The school, which meets on Sunday morning, aims to familiarize the child with Judaism; its history and its cultural expressions. It develops within him a sense of loyalty and pride in Judaism.

HEBREW DEPARTMENT for children from the ages of 9 through 15. The school, which meets on two afternoons and on Saturday mornings, aims to prepare the child for an active and constructive participation in Jewish life. Instruction in Hebrew, Bible, history, customs and ceremonies and religious worship in the Junior Congregation develop in the child an understanding of the religious concepts, the ethical values and the ritual forms of Judaism.

BAR MITZVAH and **BAS MITZVAH** for the boys and girls at the age of 13. In accordance with the recommendations of the United Synagogue Commission on Education, a minimum of three years instruction in the Hebrew Department is required for Bar Mitzvah and Bas Mitzvah in the Park Avenue Synagogue.

CONFIRMATION for the boys and girls who meet the educational requirements for Bar Mitzvah and Bas Mitzvah and continue their education for one year in a special Confirmation Class.

HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION DEPARTMENT offers courses in Hebrew and in English on Sunday morning for students who attend a secondary school.

The Religious School office will be open every afternoon after 3:00 P.M. for the REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS. Parents are urged to begin the Jewish education of their children on the Primary School Level so that the child may benefit from a full and rich religious experience.

Condolences

Mrs. Sylvia Martin — upon the death of husband, Lester Martin, and to Mrs. Arnold Ginsburg, death of father

Youth Activities

By JERRY GOODMAN

"2-0-9"

On Saturday, May 9, a "2-0-9 Dance" will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium. Proceeds from this dance will go to the nation-wide U.S.Y. "2-0-9 Project", as part of the total Metropolitan Region contribution. This project consists of the construction of a student-youth center, in Jerusalem, that will serve as a spiritual bridge between the two Jewish communities. It is hoped this will increase the mutual awareness and understanding of Jewish youth in the two countries.

Hospitality Weekend

Some reservations are still available for a few members of the senior or intermediate U.S.Y. groups who wish to take part in the Home Hospitality Weekend with Temple Beth El, in Cedarhurst, Long Island. This will take place May 22-24, and an eventful weekend has been planned. Applications can be secured in the Youth Activities office, no later than May 14.

Folk Dance Group

Another activity was recently initiated into the teenage program. An Israeli Folk Dance Group was organized which will be under the direction of a professional instructor, Miss Joan Feigelson, who has been invited to work with the group for the remainder of the year.

The group has been asked to participate in the annual Rikudia (Dance Festival) of the Metropolitan Region of U.S.Y. which will take place May 24. It is hoped that the group will become a regular part of our program.

Sanford H. Cohen Fund

Since the last publication of donors to the special fund, which has been created in memory of Judge Sanford H. Cohen, former chairman of our Board of Trustees who passed away last year, contributions are still being received from those who wish to memorialize a dear friend and loyal co-worker. Amongst these are contributions from Dr. and Mrs. Herman Helpert, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hittner of West Orange, New Jersey, the Salesmen's Group of the Bulova Watch Company, Mr. and Mrs. Tubie Resnik and Mr. Morris Zinneman.

Jewish Child Care

The following message has been received from the Jewish Child Care Association for publication in our BULLETIN:

Is there a place in your family for a lonely child who needs a home for a while? 400 Jewish foster homes are needed for babies . . . school-age boys and girls . . . teen-agers too.

Board rates for their care are from \$80 to \$103 a month plus clothing allowance and full medical service.

Why not use that vacant bedroom to provide a foster home for a child whose own family is temporarily unable to care for him?

Phone the Central Homefinding Service of the Jewish Child Care Association and Jewish Youth Services of Brooklyn at TEmpleton 8-4500. Ask for Miss Berger.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Godwin — upon the birth of a grandson, Anthony James Frost

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Honig — upon the birth of a granddaughter, Jill Caren Honig

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Richman — upon the engagement of their daughter Myra Naomi to Mr. Allen John Togut

Mr. and Mrs. Asa D. Sokolow — upon the birth of a son, Jonathan, and to the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Yuder — upon the engagement of their son, Paul Mark to Miss Ellen Davidman

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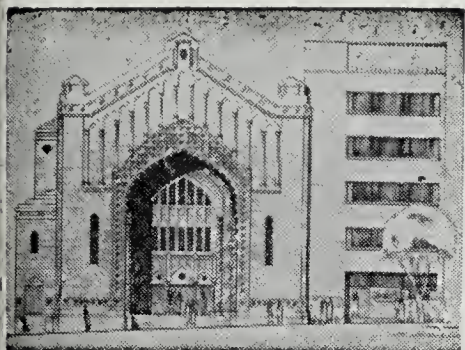
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Joseph Howard Katz Re-Elected Chairman of Board of Trustees Saul Godwin, Vice-Chairman; Jacob Klein Re-Elected President

Address by Jacob Klein

I feel greatly honored and deeply touched, that your confidence in me has not been shaken, and that you have re-elected me to the presidency of the Park Avenue Synagogue for another term. This makes the eighth consecutive year.

I feel very happy and I am happy to serve you again. Though I am happy to be honored by you, I am also unhappy, and I am sure that you do not want me to be unhappy, especially when it is within your power to make me very happy.

Before proceeding further, may I express my thanks to Rabbi Nadich for his beautiful appraisal of the services I have rendered. Even though somewhat exaggerated, I must confess that it made me feel good.

I think this congregation can boast of the finest set of officers and Board of Trustees that any religious organization is blessed with. The real personal service each one gives, unselfish to the extreme, is something all of us may well be proud. No material reward, no matter how great, can compensate these gentlemen for the many sacrifices they make

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Many of our congregants gathered in the Lemberg Auditorium Sunday evening, May 17, to attend the 77th annual congregational meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

The business started with the reading of the annual report by Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, in which he reviewed the many activities in which our synagogue is engaged. This report is printed in full so that those who were unable to attend the meeting may know of the progress which has been made during the present administration.

Re-Elected Chairman of Board



JOSEPH HOWARD KATZ

The slate of officers presented by Benjamin Sack, a former chairman of the Board of Trustees, was unanimously approved. The new administration will be headed by Joseph Howard Katz, who was re-elected chairman of the Board, and Saul Godwin, who will serve as vice-chairman. Jacob Klein was re-elected president of the congregation for the eighth consecutive year. Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer was chosen as 1st vice president, and Solomon E. Green will continue to serve as 2nd vice president. Nelson Ruttenberg and Milton M. Sivek will continue as treasurer and associate treasurer, respectively. Emanuel Rosenthal will again serve as secretary.

The members of the Board of Trustees elected to serve a 3-year term include: Nathan Appleman, George Armour, Ezra Cohen, Ben Gross, Harry Halbren, Emanuel Hochman, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Israel B. Oseas, Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, Asa D. Sokolow, and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer. Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, who is expected to be elected president of Sisterhood at its annual election later this month, was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for the 1-year term.

Rabbi Judah Nadich acted as the installing officer and spoke briefly about each of the newly elected officers. In his introductory remarks, Rabbi Nadich observed that this was the 77th congregational meeting of the Synagogue and that the combination of the Hebrew words for 70 and 7 made *oz* meaning "strength." For the officers and leaders

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, May 29 5:45 P.M.

Saturday Morning, May 30 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Michael and Gordon Joseloff

Sons of Mr. Stanley Joseloff and Mrs. Barbara Joseloff

Friday Evening, June 5 5:45 P.M.

Saturday Morning, June 6 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of James David Meltzer

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Manford Meltzer

Rabbi Judah Nadich will preach on the Scriptural Portion each Sabbath morning and will join in the conducting of the services with Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the Synagogue Choir, with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Israel's Anniversary

Israel's eleventh anniversary was observed on the fifth day of Iyar, which fell on May 13 of this year.

Although a young nation, Israel has made such tremendous advances in economic and human progress that it has aroused the admiration of most of the rest of the world and has given to the Jewish people a pride that only a miracle could achieve.

Despite the fact that Israel has been recognized by most of the nations of the world as a free and independent nation with a seat in the United Nations, Israel is still engaged in a life and death struggle for existence.

Those who have already succeeded in reaching Israel from lands of oppression have found that haven of security which their new home offers them. They are doing their share in helping to build their new home. Those pioneers who returned to Zion in the fulfillment of the biblical promise that has been the sustaining faith of Jews down through the ages, labored well to make the arid soil of the wasteland fertile and blossom with vegetation. All of them have the courage and faith that sustained those who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776, pledging their "Lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor", in support of their new found freedom and liberty.

On our Independence Day, July 4, we recall the blessings that all Americans enjoy in this land of freedom, where the Liberty Bell remains the symbol of the American faith. Perhaps we should also recall the biblical quotation from Lev. xxv. 10, inscribed thereon: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Israel must survive, if freedom and democracy are to reach to lands where men are still held in bondage.

—N.R.

Torah Fund Luncheon Wednesday, May 27

This year the Manhattan Chai function for the Torah Fund will be held on Wednesday, May 27, at Temple Anshe Chesed, 251 West 100th Street, New York City.

Announcement of this dessert luncheon has been sent out by Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Sisterhood Torah Fund Chairman and Mrs. Herman Bronstein, her co-chairman. All those contributing \$13 and over are entitled to attend.

Through the Torah Fund, Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue and other members of the National Women's League continue their support to the Jewish Theological Seminary so that its work of strengthening the moral and spiritual foundations of America and of the world may be carried on.

\$18 entitles one to membership in the Torah Fund Chai Club; \$6.11 represents one Torah Unit and \$12.22, two Torah Units. Whatever you give is in behalf of a noble cause—everlasting life to Torah.

UJA Honors Morris Joffe

Morris Joffe, a member of our Board of Trustees for many years, was honored recently at a dinner given by the Hides, Skins & Leather Division of the United Jewish Appeal at the Pierre Hotel.

Recognized as one of the leaders in that industry, Morris Joffe was one of the "charter members" of that industry's committee and has devoted many years in behalf of the UJA and other causes serving the needs of the less fortunate. He also serves on the board of the Jewish Theological Seminary and has contributed generously to that institution.

In paying tribute to Mr. Joffe, the industry has announced that it is honoring him for "his devotion and help in making it possible for a million of our people to go to Israel to fashion a new life in freedom and dignity."

We, who serve with Morris Joffe on the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue, join in saluting a man who "has won our esteem and affection for what he is and for what he has done.

Parents Ass'n Honors Vicki Wimpfheimer

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Recently at a luncheon, the Executive Board of the Parents Association honored its out-going president, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, always known to everyone as Vicki.

As president, Vicki has steered the course of the Parents Group and has accomplished the high goal of serving as liaison between teachers of the Religious School and the parents.

Mrs. Herman Helpert, our beloved former president, told of Vicki's many fine accomplishments through her years of devoted service, and of her selfless loyalty to the group.

Martin Leichtling, our popular Religious School Principal, expressed his appreciation to Vicki for all that she had done, and pointed out the sacrifices of time and energy that such a task demands. Regina Stangel, one of Parents' most valued and loved members, presented Vicki with a beautifully inscribed plaque and told of the inspiration she had been in the Association.

Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer expressed his pleasure at being present to join in paying tribute to his wife, in whose accomplishments he and their five lovely children took great pride.

Lillian Helpert then presented Vicki with a gold charm designed with pearls and inscribed "With appreciation from the Executive Board of the Parents Association." She read a poem written for Vicki by Rhea Ruttenberg, which said in part:

Loved by those who know her,
Vicki casts a spell,
She is warm and friendly,
As we know so well.
President of Parents,
Five years Vicki's reigned,
And from her loyalty and devotion,
We have always gained.

To Vicki, the Parents extend their fondest wishes for success in all she does. She will always be a dear friend to all of us.

SHABUOT

Friday Morning, June 12

Confirmation Services

Saturday Morning, June 13

Yiskor Memorial Services

If you wish to memorialize any member of your family, please notify the Synagogue Office.

Annual Report of Joseph Howard Katz, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Submitted to Congregation Meeting, Sunday Evening, May 18, 1959

We meet this evening for the 77th Annual Congregational Meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue. I feel that it is good, if once a year, we re-state for ourselves, the nature and the history of our congregation if for no other reason but for its present applicability to the items which are our daily concern.

Park Avenue Synagogue is the congregation of the upper East side of New York. It is a congregation indigenous to this community. It grew out of the strength and vitality of the Jewish community on the East side of Manhattan. We exist as the result of the amalgamation and thus the strengthening of a few synagogues which realized the value and desirability of Jewish communal solidarity. We represent, in this amalgamation, the merging of various trends of Jewish thought, helping even by the merger alone to create an atmosphere of greater Jewish unity, and away from the fractionation which so often splits the Jewish community. We are a good sized congregation, about 750 families, with many varied personal, communal and general community interests. Although the majority of our members are past 50 years of age (and that is not unusual for the Borough of Manhattan), they are of varied ages and attitudes, diverse backgrounds, different Jewish upbringing and yes, even of varied economic levels, popular myths on the latter score notwithstanding. These 750 families run close to a community of 3000 people. In addition we have other families who are associated with our synagogue without being members of the congregation, by virtue of their membership in the Sisterhood, Mens Club, Mr. and Mrs. Club, Parents Association, or having youngsters in our Youth Program or who just attend our services without belonging to any organization. There are surely another 2000 people in the latter category, so that in one manner or another a minimum of 5000 persons are affected in varying degrees by the existence of our synagogue.

This therefore is a good sized Jewish community that revolves in and about this building; about as many Jews are affected here as there are in the entire city of Birmingham, Alabama. We have more Jews than there are in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, and about as many as there are in a big city like Youngstown, Ohio.

Now let me say first, in preface, and by way of appreciation that I wish to publicly thank the chairmen of the synagogue arms and committees, who have done so well during this past year in the programs for which they were responsible and in the reports which they were good enough to submit to me as Chairman of the Board describing their activities. We have available here for the members of the congregation, if they wish to read through these reports, separate dockets for each one of the synagogue arms or committees. Because these reports are available to you in full and complete detail and because I want to avoid a lengthy report on my own, I trust you will forgive me if I exercise some degree of selectivity in the kind of things I wish to discuss this evening. Firstly, I prefer to concern myself tonight with those I regard as the unique achievements of our synagogue in the preceding twelve months. I don't know whether as the years roll on we shall be able to talk about unique achievements at the end of each year, but certainly for our liturgical year which commenced June 1, 1958 there are some special things of which we can be justly proud. *"We point with pride"*—

1. Our Religious School

For the first time in the history of Park Avenue Synagogue we had our High School department developed to the stage where we could conduct, and in fact did conduct, a formal graduation—the first in our history of our High School department. True enough only seven, but seven very able boys and girls, graduated from that department. It is a wonderful beginning and an encouraging event for those of us who are vitally interested in advanced Jewish education for our youth. The members of the Park Avenue Synagogue have reason to be proud that four of these seven graduates are members of the congregation; that four of these youngsters were actually Bar Mitzvah in our synagogue; that two out of the seven joined the program of our High School department because of the Youth Activities, and one girl came to us after graduating from an orthodox Religious School in our neighborhood. My one regret is that so few members of our Board of Trustees were present at the graduation exercises to witness this auspicious occasion—truly an outstanding event in our synagogue life.

2. Our Daily Minyan

The Mens Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue has done something extraordinary this year, which in my opinion, ranks certainly with that of the achievement of having a High School graduation for the first time. The leadership of the Mens Club sparked by one individual has succeeded with a stubbornness and a devotion that is characteristic only of the best kind of leadership, in establishing for the first time in the history of our synagogue a daily evening Minyan. Believe me, my friends, this is no small achievement, particularly since it comes within the framework of a congregation like ours. We tried this before on three or four occasions, and each time we failed—that is us until this past year. I hope that our joy and jubilation is not premature, and I have every confidence in the fact that it will not be premature. It is now seven full months since the Minyan has not missed a day—every day at 5:45 P.M. And if the Mens Club of Park Avenue Synagogue did nothing else during this past year, (and they did at least one other thing which was quite unusual and extraordinary) they have in their achievement of the Minyan merited a high place in the history of this past year.

May I say in passing that in my report to the congregation in May of 1958 I had set a few goals for ourselves and one of them was the creation of this daily Minyan. It is no small thing for a Chairman of the Board to feel that at least that wish came to fruition,—at least for seven solid months it has.

"These Gladden Our Hearts"

I want now to report five significant events during the past year, which should be emphasized in addition to the two indicated above. These events have been sources of encouragement and gladden the hearts of all of us who are ever watchful of the progress of our synagogue.

1. A Young People's League

Last year in my annual report to the congregation, I made reference to one of the shortcomings of our synagogue life, the absence of a Young Peoples League. This year I think we can say that the beginning steps have been undertaken and that we have a nucleus of a Young Peoples League composed of young men and women between the ages

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of 13 and 25, almost all of whom are members of our congregation and who form a homogeneous group and have an interest in the welfare of the Park Avenue Synagogue as well as a desire to socialize with people of their own age. It may be premature to say that such a group has been firmly established, for in fact it has not, but we can say that initial steps have been taken and it is my fond hope that one year from now this area of our activity can be reported upon with a certainty and finality and that we will have achieved the filling of an obvious gap in the framework of our synagogue life.

2. A Functioning Mr. and Mrs. Club

Here too in my report last year I left that though our leadership in this age group consisted of some very wonderful people, as a unit it had not yet established itself in the eyes of our congregation. This year there have begun positive signs to give us all heart and encouragement, that the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue will soon be a contending factor. It may interest you to know that the Mr. and Mrs. Club is no longer aimed at merely those who have just become Mr. and Mrs., but that it provides a social and cultural outlet for the husbands and wives of our synagogue, who prefer to engage in their synagogue activities as a couple rather than separately through the Sisterhood and the Men's Club. So age is no longer the determining factor and I do hope that those of our congregants who have been deterred by that consideration will no longer feel so handicapped. The project which they have scheduled for next Sunday, May 24th, here in the Lemberg Auditorium—a public art show, is a sign of vigor and of interest that gives us all reason to feel optimistic about their future.

3. Sisterhood's Jewish Home Beautiful

During recent years, particularly in connection with the building of the Milton Steinberg House, the Sisterhood of our synagogue has carried on such exemplary activity, in the field of raising funds for the synagogue that we tend to lose sight of the cultural impact of this arm of our synagogue upon the women of our congregation. This year Sisterhood repeated a project it had produced many years ago, a performance of what is known as "Jewish Home Beautiful." I must say that this should be recorded as a major cultural event

of our congregation during the past year. It was an impressive and exhilarating event and brought to the synagogue that evening the largest single audience we had at any time during the year, for any function by any of our arms. The wonderful turnout to Sisterhood's "Jewish Home Beautiful" and more particularly the content of the program itself demonstrates the great area of educational, religious and cultural programming, which if properly planned can be a major aspect of the life of our synagogue and its arms. Certainly, the "Jewish Home Beautiful" gladdened our hearts.

4. Men's Club Theatre Party

The Men's Club which has always been my first love, has had many wonderful events during its life, but I think that in addition to what I have referred to before, we should credit the Men's Club with an unusual event this year. "They said it couldn't be done," but television commercials to the contrary, Men's Club raised \$4,500, which they contributed to the synagogue, (toward their pledge of \$7,500 for the repair work we completed) as the result of a very well organized and excellently successful theatre party. This has been a little off-beat for the Men's Club, but off-beat or not, it was a distinct achievement, and I am delighted to report it.

5. The Strength of our Youth Program

There's a special reason for my including the strength of our Youth Program in the category of these five major events. I make reference to the resiliency of our Youth Program and its vigor because this year we suffered the tragic experience of the death of our Youth Activities Director, Mr. Hyman Sankel, right at the high point of the Youth Program in mid-winter. I think it is a compliment to the lay leadership of our program and to the staff that Mr. Sankel had gathered, while he was yet with us, that despite his sudden and tragic death, the Youth Program which has come to mean so much to our synagogue and in fact to the entire Manhattan Jewish community, carried on well, and that this year too can properly be recorded as a year of achievement and progress in the Youth Program of Park Avenue Synagogue.

I would like at this point to discuss three more aspects of our synagogue life in the category which any chairman of the Board is proud to do. "I am pleased to report":

1. Sisterhood

Our Sisterhood has had an exceptionally good year. The attendance at its meetings was very high. Its fund raising efforts continued at its customary extraordinary pace. Over \$7,000 at its Luncheon, over \$7,000 at its Bazaar, and it presented to the congregation \$7,500 for the major repair work that was completed in back of the Lemberg Auditorium—a really good year in the history of our Sisterhood.

2. The Library

The Cohen Library has now achieved the status of an active functioning arm of our synagogue. Over 1,000 books were borrowed during the past year. Over 1,700 persons visited or studied in the Library. We are proud of this achievement.

3. Our Gifts, Wills and Bequests

This has been a new thing in the history of our synagogue, one that is at the threshold of beginning to interest the members of our congregation to leave bequests to the synagogue. The basic task of this committee at this stage is to educate our congregants to think in terms of remembering our synagogue in their Wills, as many people do with charities and universities. I think our publications in this regard, the various meetings of the committee and the reports it has rendered, as well as the beginning of tangible results that have been announced from time to time, more than justify one's saying that I am delighted to report that we have a functioning and operating committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests.

I come now to several other committees and arms, even though sketchily, because I believe they have all made tremendous contributions to the welfare of our congregation.

1. The Synagogue Bulletin

I rank the Bulletin published by the Park Avenue Synagogue as one of the most important cohesive and unifying elements in our congregation, and incidentally, one of the finest published by any synagogue in the country. It has been that for some while and it has continued to play that role during the year that has gone by. We have every reason to expect that with the help of God it will continue to be so for many many years to come.

2. Membership Committee

Our problem with membership is one almost unique to our congregation. We just cannot accommodate all who want

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to worship with us during the High Holy Days. Over the years we have built up an excellent system of membership "intake," as it were, through interviews with our hard working membership committee. This process continues today and results in a better understanding of our congregation by those who join us and incidentally, results in the payment of higher dues by those who join us. The only thing that has not yet been solved is how we can find more seats in the main floor of our sanctuary to take care of the large number of our older congregants and the new applicants who would like to become members each year.

Be assured however that this work is in excellent hands and if anyone can solve it—they can in the best interests of our synagogue.

3. The Parents Association

Here we have an arm of our synagogue which has consistently, done an excellent job in helping parents understand the meaning of education of their children in religious terms and helping them learn something about our synagogue's desire to give that education. This year the Jewish understanding of the parents whose youngsters are in our religious school increased markedly, as a result of the excellent and successful efforts by the Parents Association.

4. House Committee

The House Committee task has ever been a difficult one. It has become more complex as our activities at the synagogue become more varied, intense and active. In the height of the synagogue year, seldom an evening goes by without some function taking place in these buildings. I am confident that the House Committee has kept pace with these requirements and I believe, too, that as the months and years go on it shall continue to serve even better than it has in the past; the aim being always a most up-to-date modern and spic and span institution of Jewish religious worship in this city.

5. Ushering

I have always regarded this activity of our congregation as a very important one. The newcomer will often make his first impression and draw his first conclusions from the manner in which he is received as he enters a house of worship. I think in this respect our synagogue has a good record, even though I am certain that we can and will do better next year. Those who attend our

religious services should feel comfortable and at home. The tasks of ushering are often onerous, but the rewards of helping to maintain and establish a dignified religious ritual and worship are more than compensatory for the effort that the physical ushering involves.

6. Arts and Decorations

This committee has done yeoman work. We have been faced by the fact that our synagogue building is over thirty years old and that it is and has been in need of many projects long overdue. This year has seen several marked improvements thanks to the Arts and Decorations committee, which include the furnishing and decorating of some of our facilities, the installation of a screen in place of a curtain in the choir loft, the purchase of carpeting in the Lemberg Auditorium for use during the High Holy Days, and the hangings in the lounge and in the Lemberg Auditorium. We will continue to rely upon this committee for its valuable advice and assistance, in several projects which are coming up next year, particularly in the sanctuary where we plan to have the pews refurbished and the seats recushioned.

7. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee continues in its regular solid role of being a rock of the synagogue on which so much of everything we do depends. It is fair to say that during the last few years despite considerably increased income by the synagogue our expenses continued to keep pace with it, so that the reserve which had been built up year after year has not continued to grow in the manner that many of us would like to see. Nevertheless, I am happy to report to you that all our operations are in the black and the Finance Committee together with the treasurer who is a member of this Committee, serve to keep a very watchful eye on the income and the outgo of our accounts. Here are some figures in which you may be interested. Actual receipts for the fiscal year 1957-1958 reached a new high of \$211,086. compared with \$177,842 in the previous year. On the other hand, our disbursements likewise reached a new high of \$202,195 compared to \$170,494 for the previous year. Although the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees are zealous about building the income and guarding the outgo of our congregation, they are nevertheless fully aware that our congregation is a community organization and its income is intend-

ed to be used to help service the members of our congregation and through them, the Jewish community of this area.

8. Ritual

I am happy to report that our Ritual Committee has continued to keep our synagogue on the same ideological path that we have been following over the last twenty years, with no major changes in the ritual practices of our congregants. We appreciate all its efforts.

9. Law

Our Law Committee has grappled with several legal problems affecting the congregation and handled them all with skill, with intelligence and dispatch.

10. Conservative Judaism

This is a new special committee which I created this year for the purpose of obtaining a clearer picture of our relationship to the Conservative Movement; an understanding of the Conservative Movement with a special interest in analyzing the synagogue standards which the United Synagogue of American has recommended to congregations.

11. Planning

Our Planning Committee has developed into a very useful instrument of our synagogue in that through it we are now able to not only process the broad general outlines of our next years activity, but we also can now review our aims towards improving the coming events of the congregation.

12. Welfare Fund

We now have a new committee dealing with special requests which come to our congregation from time to time for emergency relief as well as for contributions of a minor character for special causes. The Welfare Fund Committee has been carrying on its activities with care and with diligence.

Some Physical Changes in Our Synagogue

I think that we ought to record at this congregational meeting that during the past twelve months we have made two important changes in the sanctuary of our synagogue. One is the installation of spotlights on the outside of the East and Southeast wall of our sanctuary so that the stained glass windows can be illuminated at night, matching the illuminated stained glass windows on the West and the Southwest walls. Another important change is the elimination of the darkness which had pervaded the rear of the main floor of the synagogue directly under the Balcony. We now have a new set of fixtures and a new

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system of lighting in the rear of the synagogue which should, I trust, compensate for all the many years of poor reading light with which so many of our congregants have been suffering.

Our Special Problems For Next Year

1. Adult Education

It is no secret that for years we have given a good deal of thought to the problem of adult education in our congregation. It is only fair to say that this past year, while some successes were scored in this general area, by and large, we were dissatisfied with our results in that field. In what is left of this Spring, our Adult Education Committee is thinking through the whole problem and we hope that it will come up with a formula and a program that can make this area of our activity more successful than has been in the past. If we do not have the familiar format next year, we may have some other form of adult education, perhaps a more limited one and on a different scale. In any event, be assured that we are concerned with adult education, and it is our fond hope that in the years to come Park Avenue Synagogue will once again lead in this field as it has in the past.

2. The Cemetery

It is my feeling without going into minute financial details, that objectively speaking it makes good sense for Park Avenue Synagogue to seriously consider the purchase of cemetery grounds. I want you to know that I am deeply appreciative of the wonderful response in terms of the high proportion of returns to the questionnaire I sent to our congregants. And even though a relatively small percentage of our congregants expressed an interest in wanting to purchase cemetery plots, there was enough of a desire indicated, to make me feel that the entire subject is a very live and a real one, and should be brought to a head during the next few months. Having come this far on the cemetery inquiry, I would like to reach a clearcut decision before the year is out. Accordingly, I propose to introduce this matter to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting and then appoint a special committee to examine and report further to us.

Conclusion

I have deliberately avoided throughout this report reference to persons and names because I prefer now in concluding to say how deeply grateful I have been during the past 2½ years of my

incumbency, for the support I have received from so many of you—I want to thank specifically those who during the past year have occupied positions of responsibility and leadership in our congregation—and will they now please rise and acknowledge your applause as I call their names:

Our beloved President, Jacob Klein; Vice-Chairman of the Board, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer; 1st Vice President, Saul Godwin; 2nd Vice President, Solomon Green; Our dedicated and hard working Treasurer, Editor and Chairman of the Bulletin Committee, and member of so many committees, Nelson Ruttenberg; Our Associate Treasurer and Chairman of the Planning Committee, Milton M. Sivek.

And the heads of the arms of the congregation: Mrs. Solomon E. Green, President of Sisterhood; Dr. Sigmund A. Siegel, President of Men's Club; L. Chester Glaser, Chairman of Men's Club Minyan Committee; Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, President of Parents Association; Gerald Silbert, President of Mr. and Mrs. Club.

And to the committee chairmen without whose help this job of Chairman of the Board would have been impossible—Will they please rise—in alphabetical order: Sidney J. Silberman, Chairman Adult Education; Mrs. Milton M. Sivek, Chairman Arts and Decorations; Israel B. Oseas, Chairman Committee on Conservative Judaism; Benjamin Sack, Chairman Finance Committee; Hon. Maxwell Shapiro, Chairman Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests; David Altschul, Chairman Hospitality and Ushering; Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Chairman House Committee; Asa D. Sokolow, Chairman Law Committee; Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Chairman Library Committee; Mrs. Hilda Kisch, Librarian; Harry Halbren, Chairman Membership Committee; Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, Chairman Religious School Board; Archie I. Thurman, Chairman Ritual Committee; Samuel Lemberg, Chairman Welfare Fund Committee; and Mrs. Herman Helpert, Chairman Youth Activities.

And may I express my deepest appreciation to all the ladies and gentlemen of all committees which served so well during the year and to the chairmen of the special committees appointed for specific occasions: Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, Chairman of New Members Reception; Mrs. Paul Bercu, Chairman of Congregational Seder; Mrs. Isidore

Hahn, who never fails us in supervising our Onge Shabbat; Howard Kieval, Chairman of Purim Party; Mrs. Abraham Stangel, Chairman of Hanukkah Party.

Of course, no report would be complete without a word of thanks and deepest appreciation to our entire synagogue staff, to our superb choir and outstanding organist; to Martin Leichtling for his devotion to our Hebrew School to his entire staff of teachers, to my right hand, coordinator, intermediary and Executive Director, Sidney R. Katz, with whom, incidentally, I converse every single day, if not in person, at least by telephone—and who has cooperated with me from the beginning of the year up to this report. And to our dear friend, Manny Rosenthal, who often reminds me of an incident or an event which took place here during the past 40 years and which is always helpful to me as Chairman.

Finally, a word about our Pulpit—our deepest appreciation and affection to Cantor Friedman who continues with customary vigor in the religious services which he renders throughout the year and during the summer; to Hazzan David Putterman who is now completing his 26 years of service to our congregation and who continues to bring us the highest standards of liturgy and religious service. His 15th annual special Friday night service of new liturgical music a week ago, was one of the finest he ever produced.

In the two short years that Rabbi Nadich has been with us, we have all come to know him as a dear friend and as a revered and esteemed spiritual leader and teacher. He has already asserted his leadership in our community, both religious and secular. He has, in the words of the Bible, "maintained and elevated the synagogue and all its works." His six monthly seminars given to our lawyers and judges on the Code of Maimonides were truly a trail blazing event in our synagogue life. I know that in the years ahead, Rabbi Nadich will be as fruitful and useful in the lives of our congregants as he has in the year gone by.

In closing, my friends, may I ask you to reflect upon the words found in the Ethics of the Fathers:

"The work is short, the work is great
You are not called upon to complete
the work

Yet you are not free to evade it."

Annual Congregational Meeting May 18

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of the Park Avenue Synagogue, he wished that they "use their strength and wisdom for the guidance of the congregation."

In inducting Joseph Howard Katz, who was re-elected as chairman of the Board of Trustees, Rabbi Nadich referred to the magnificent report which was rendered by Mr. Katz, and the devoted service he had rendered in the performance of his many duties. "The aim of our chairman of the Board", said Rabbi Nadich, "has been to meet the highest possible standards of Jewish life."

Re-Elected President



JACOB KLEIN

When Jacob Klein rose to be inducted as president for the 3th consecutive term, the love and affection which we all feel for him was expressed in the tumultuous applause which greeted him. Rabbi Nadich paid him an eloquent tribute for the manifold services he had rendered during his long tenure of office. Jake's remarks are printed in another column of the Bulletin. As usual, Jake interspersed his comments with a few choice stories which added a bit of humor to the business of the evening.

Our new vice-chairman of the Board will be Saul Godwin, who held the office of 1st vice president during the past two years. A member of the Board of Trustees for many years, Saul Godwin has held some of the most important

Elected Vice-Chairman



SAUL GODWIN

posts in the synagogue. A former chairman of the Religious School Board for five years, a former chairman of the adult education committee, chairman of the Building Committee, which was responsible for the erection of the beautiful Milton Steinberg House in memory of our beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg, Saul has served with devotion and loyalty in all the offices he has held as well on the various committees of which he has been a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Friedman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rubin were in charge of the collation. Our thanks to them for having undertaken this responsibility and for the splendid job they did.

—N.R.

Young People Invited To First Meeting of Group

A new organization for young people will have its first open meeting at the synagogue on Wednesday evening, June 17, 1959. A cocktail reception and organizational meeting will be followed by socializing and dancing.

This chapter of the Young People's League, a national organization affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, will be open to young ladies, seventeen

UJA Art Auction At Parke-Bernet Galleries

The sixth annual art auction, sponsored by the Women's Division of the UJA will be held on Tuesday evening, June 9, at the Parke-Bernet Galleries, 980 Madison Avenue.

This annual event, which is constantly gaining in stature in the art world, is made possible through the generosity of artists, art dealers, and individual collectors in every part of the metropolitan area.

The total proceeds from this auction will go to the 100 million dollar special fund for UJA, which provides the means to bring refugees from areas of danger to safety in Israel, and enables them to resume new lives in the sacred land of their forefathers.

Parke-Bernet Galleries has graciously donated its facilities to the UJA for this auction and the exhibition which will precede it. This year's collection will be on exhibition, Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, and on Monday and Tuesday, June 8 and 9, preceding the sale.

The artists whose work will be represented in the 1959 collection include August Rodin, Chaim Gross, Marc Chagall, Aristide Maillol, Mane Katz, William Zorach, Grandma Moses, Alexander Calder, Reginald Marsh, Moses Soyer, Abraham Walkowitz, Joseph Margulies, and also Boudin, Courbet and Rouault.

Several members of the Park Avenue Synagogue are among the leaders of the group planning this sixth annual Art Auction. They include Mrs. Edward Munves, chairman of the Dealers' Committee, Mrs. Bernard Botein, Mrs. David Fogelson, Mrs. Abraham N. Geller, Mrs. Louis Grossman, Mrs. Samuel Lemberg and Mrs. Milton Steinberg.

If you have any paintings, sculpture, antique jewelry, or other objets d'art which you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, TR 9-0022. The value of all such contributions are tax deductible.

to twenty-three, and young men eighteen to twenty-five who are the sons and daughters of members of the Park Avenue Synagogue. Men's Club or Sisterhood or who are alumni of the youth activities program.

Those who plan to come are asked to send their names and addresses to Miss Anne Lazarovsky at the synagogue office, 50 East 87 Street, New York 28.

Address of Jacob Klein, President

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of time, service and money, so that this congregation may function properly.

Our beloved Rabbi and Hazzan Putterman can be placed in the same category. They help make our services spiritual, uplifting and meaningful. I have travelled in various countries throughout the world, and in different cities in the United States. During this trek, I have attended synagogues in a great many places besides those in New York City. I can honestly and truthfully say, that nowhere and I mean nowhere, in any synagogue that I have visited, have I ever witnessed a religious service as dignified, as meaningful, as inspiring and as musical as that which our synagogue affords to all our members and visitors. There is hardly a Sabbath service that is not attended by some visitor from other cities and from distant parts of the world and all of them are unanimous in their praise of our services.

And yet I say, as I did at the beginning; I am unhappy. Each of you would also feel as I do, if you sat on the pulpit week in and week out, every Friday night and Saturday morning, as well as on holidays, and saw during the year, not a synagogue filled to capacity but one with many vacant seats. Surely this is not what you would want our beloved Rabbi to address or our beloved Hazzan and his choir to charm with their beautiful music.

During my tenure of office as president over the past seven years, I have received hundreds of letters from members of the congregation, some personal and others expressing the pleasure they have experienced when they have attended a Sabbath service. I do not want to burden you by reading all of them, but I hope you will bear with me, if I read one or two recently received. This one is from Joseph Kurzon, one of our members:

"Your letter extending birthday greetings to Mrs. Kurzon was greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, Mrs. Kurzon was unable to attend services due to a cold.

I must admit my guilt that this is the first time that I have ever visited the Synagogue on a Saturday. However, I wish to comment that Rabbi Nadich's remarks were very impressive as well as Cantor Putterman's services being very beautiful.

I was also very impressed with a

little lady who was given an Aliyah on her 96th birthday, and who was presented with a corsage from the Rabbi as well as a kiss from him and Cantor Putterman. I thought it was very touching."

Another came from Dr. Julius J. Leichtling, a father of one of our recent Bar Mitzvah boys. It read:

"The letter which you sent in appraisal of Jonathan's Bar Mitzvah was most welcome and gratifying to Mrs. Leichtling and myself. It was a beautifully inspiring compliment which we will remember for a long time to come.

We feel that the excellent training which Jonathan received and the dignity and beauty of the service, were due in no small measure to you and the other members of the Board of Trustees, who have devoted themselves so unselfishly.

We are proud to be members of the congregation of the Park Avenue Synagogue."

Both of these letters were voluntary and are typical of the many which have come to me. I doubt whether anyone in this room feels differently. But, much as I appreciate these letters and am happy to receive them, they are not the answer to what I seek.

What would make me happy, and you are in a position to do so, is that each one of you promises to attend our services, if not each week, then once in two weeks, or once a month, and if you cannot stay through the entire service, that you spend an hour or two with us. I am sure you will then experience the same reaction that all of those do who attend our services.

With your permission, I would like to quote a short statement by a renowned doctor, the prominent Boston physician, Dr. Paul Dudley White, who was called in as consultant when President Eisenhower became ill. Discussing the President's condition, he said: "I would also emphasize at this point, the well established fact, that religious meditation, services and prayers, often bring not only an uplift of the spirit, but peace of mind and physical relaxation."

Another prominent member of the medical profession, Dr. Alexis Carroll put it this way: "As a physician, I have seen men after all therapy has failed, lifted out of disease and melancholy, by the serene effort of prayer."

It is little enough what my fellow officers and I ask of you, and it is not very difficult for you to do, if you set your mind to it.

Actions speak louder than words. Do you really want me to be happy? Then come to the synagogue and make all of us here happy, including myself. That is a dream I would like to see realized and you, and only you, can make it come true.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Greenberg
—upon the birth of a grandson,
Clifford Greenberg

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben R. Kaufman
—upon the engagement of son,
Curtis to Carol Baumgarten

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mittenthal—
upon the birth of a granddaughter,
Margaret Ann Bangser

Condolences

Mr. Arthur Hillman—death of his
brother, Henry Hillman

Mr. Joseph I. Lubin—death of his
brother, Henry Lubin

Col. Irvin Waldman—death of his
mother, Henrietta Waldman

SHABUOT

Friday Morning, June 12

Confirmation Services

Saturday Morning, June 13

Yiskor Memorial Services

If you wish to memorialize any
member of your family, please
notify the Synagogue Office.

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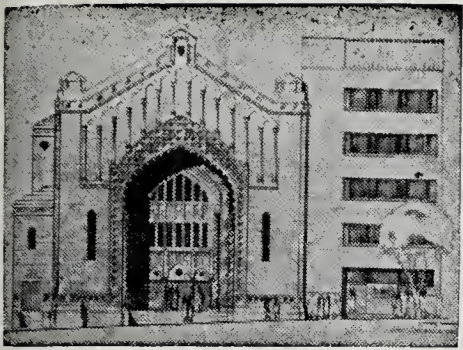
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Sisterhood's Annual Brunch-Matinee, Dec. 9

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

Of course, you've heard! Sisterhood has chosen "Take Me Along", the Eugene O'Neill delightful story of "Ah Wilderness", for its annual theater party to be held on Wednesday, December 9, 1959.

Set to music, this lively musical promises to be a stellar attraction with Jackie Gleason, Walter Pidgeon, Robert Morse and Eileen Herlie in the leading roles. The matinee will be preceded by brunch at the Astor. This get-together is always eagerly anticipated by all who have attended previous affairs.

Books of chances have been mailed to all the members of Sisterhood and the sale of one book for \$25 will entitle you to a ticket to the brunch and a seat to the musicale, "Take Me Along." The drawing of the grand prize from the book stubs may spell good fortune for you—a wonderful week in Puerto Rico for two.

All your friends are coming—we hope you'll be there, too.

Religious School Opens Fall Terms Hebrew Dept., Sept. 16; Primary Dept., Sept. 20

By MARTIN LEICHTLING, *Principal*

As the current school year is about to start the Religious School calls on you, as a parent, to fulfill your responsibilities towards your children by enrolling them in our school for the coming year.

Parents cannot live their children's lives. The best they can do is to help them find the resources which will permit them to live—now, as children and later, as adults—lives of achievement, of fulfillment and of meaning.

Guiding children so that their Jewishness makes a difference in their lives is a complex process at the heart of which is a person—the teacher, giving to your child the best of his personality, skill, and dedication. However, he can do little unless you send your child to him at an early age and keep your child in school long enough to get proper Jewish education.

If your child is ready to be enrolled in a Jewish school *for the first time*, register him now. Enrollment at this time of the year makes for good planning. The school will be able to organize its classes for the fall and develop its program properly. It will be able to make the best selection of teachers only if it does now. Your children will begin their work from the very day school opens, gaining the inspiration of the teaching associated with the High Holy Days. You will thus discover at the very beginning of their Jewish education that their Jewish school, like the public school is administered and conducted as a well-organized institution.

Registration

The School Office is open for the registration of *new* students in the Religious School. Students who attended classes in the school last year or who had registered in May will receive their new class and room assignments in the mail.

Applications for admission to the Primary Department, Hebrew Department and the High School Extension Department are being accepted. Registration may be made over the phone (EN 9-2600) or in person in the School Office between 3:00 and 6:30 P. M. in the afternoon and on Sunday between 10:00 and 12 noon.

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and rela-

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Rabbi, Hazzan and Choir Return to Pulpit

After their summer vacations Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan David J. Putterman and the Synagogue choir, with Mr. George Crook at the organ, will again be officiating at all Services in the Synagogue, beginning with the service of Friday evening, September 11.

It is hoped that members of the congregation will again be attending the Sabbath Services regularly.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, September 11 5:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, September 12 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Lewis Bram Andrews
son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lion Andrews

Friday Evening, September 18 5:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, September 19 9:30 A.M.
Friday Evening, September 25 5:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, September 26 9:30 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Dolores Faith Blum
Daughter of Mrs. Rachael Leonora Blum

Bat Mitzvah of Pauline Bukantz
Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Bukantz

Rabbi Judah Nadich will preach at the Sabbath Morning Services.

At all Sabbath Services, Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will officiate, together with the Synagogue Choir and Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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From The Editor

Now that summer vacations are coming to an end, most of us will be returning home and preparing to take up our various communal activities.

The membership of Park Avenue Synagogue will be glad to learn that our Planning Committee has outlined an ambitious program for the coming liturgical year.

With Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, our pulpit fulfills the most exacting demands of a busy congregation. Our Religious School, under the leadership of its principal, Martin Leichtling, with its Hebrew and Primary Departments, supplemented with a high school division, offers the children of our members and of the community every opportunity for a well-rounded Jewish education.

We also can boast of an active, energetic Sisterhood and a Men's Club, whose leaders have been busily engaged during the summer months in planning their respective programs. Our Parents Association is eager to welcome the parents of those who attend our Religious School, and the Mr. and Mrs. Club is open to married couples, young and old, who wish to join their ranks.

Our Youth Activities, under the direction of Irving Goldberg, our new youth director, offers a complete and all-inclusive program for the teen-agers, as well as a scout program for the young boys and girls.

And for those who wish to become an active part of our synagogue life, there are many committees through which the most selective can find a place to function. All committee appointments thus far announced by Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of our Board of Trustees, for the coming year, are being published in this issue. If you are interested, just communicate with the synagogue office and Sidney R. Katz, our executive director, will be glad to put you in touch

with the proper group.

In future issues, the BULLETIN will list the various special functions which are being planned for our membership. All this is available to you as a member of our congregational family and we hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities your membership in Park Avenue Synagogue affords you.

As Jacob Klein, our president so often says: "Let's become active members, not merely dues-paying members."

Welcome Back!

—N.R.

High Holyday Services Begin October 2

This year the High Holydays occur late, Rosh Hashanah beginning Friday evening, October 2. Its morning services will be on October 3 and 4. The Kol Nidre Service will take place Sunday evening, October 11 and Yom Kippur services on Monday, October 12.

The next issue of the BULLETIN will carry a detailed schedule of these services.

Archie I. Thurman, chairman of the Ritual Committee, has asked that we call the attention of our membership to the desire to have uniform headwear during the High Holy Day services. Skull caps are available as well as proper checking facilities. Taletim are also provided, and it is hoped that those who attend our services will comply with the desire of the Ritual Committee to have skull caps and taletim worn by all those who attend our services.

Summer Chapel Services Well Attended

During July and August, Sabbath services were held regularly each Friday evening and Saturday morning in the air-conditioned Appleman Chapel. A goodly number of people attended, including visitors from various parts of America and from overseas.

The Services were conducted with beauty and dignity by Hazzan Abraham Friedman, Mr. Jacob Klein, our beloved president, and Mr. Solomon E. Green, our esteemed vice-president. The musical portions of the Service were enhanced by the playing of Mr. Alan Mehlman at the organ.

To them all the Congregation expresses its deepest appreciation for the responsibility gladly assumed and faithfully and effectively carried out.

Books At A Glance

By HILDE KISCH, Librarian

The celebration of Bar Mitzvah or Bas Mitzvah, as the case may be, is a meaningful and joyous occasion for the young boy or girl who is received as a full-fledged member into the Jewish fold. On this occasion gifts of Jewish books are most appropriate to emphasize the importance of the day and as a souvenir for the future. In response to frequent requests for advice on the choice of such books, the librarian presents here some suggestions:

Ausubel, Nathan, ed., *A Treasury of Jewish Folklore*.

Contains a wealth of stories, traditions, legends, humor, and wisdom of the Jewish people.

Ausubel, Nathan, *Pictorial History of the Jewish People*.

A full-scale picture-story of the Jews from Biblical times to the present.

Belth, Norton, *The World Over Story Book: An Illustrated Anthology for Jewish Youth*.

It presents stories, biographical sketches, poems, and other items.

Cohen, Mortimer J., *Pathways through the Bible*.

A rewriting of the Bible text to facilitate reading, with brief introductions.

Edidin, Ben M., *Jewish Customs and Ceremonies*.

Edidin, Ben M., *Jewish Holidays and Festivals*.

Eisenberg, Azriel, ed., *The Bar Mitzvah Treasury*.

The Jewish heritage as set down in story, legend, and essay.

Grayzel, Solomon, *A History of the Jews*.

Traces the history of the Jewish people from the Babylonian exile in 586 B.C.E. up to the present.

Hertz, Joseph H., ed., *The Pentateuch and Haftorahs*. American edition. 2 vols.

Katsh, Abraham I., ed., *Bar Mitzvah*.

With articles, stories, and illustrations, it is a guide to Jewish religion, tradition, and history.

Learsi, Rufus, *Israel: A History of the Jewish People*.

Learsi, Rufus, *Fulfillment: The Epic Story of Zionism*.

A complete and well-told history of the movement.

Millgram, Abraham E., *Sabbath, the Day of Delight*.

Depicts the Sabbath as a holy day and a fundamental institution in the life

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From The Desk Of The Executive Director

Through the medium of the synagogue BULLETIN, I find it a real pleasure to be able to congratulate the large number of congregants who have been so considerate and sympathetic to the problem which we have faced this year in regard to seating for the High Holy Days.

It seems that never in the history of our synagogue have we had the confluence of so large a number of applicants for membership, plus many members who wished either additional seating or changed seating to the main floor of the synagogue, plus the smallest number of resignations we have ever had.

All of this added up to an extremely difficult situation in finding seating, particularly for the new members, so many of whom were understanding and accepted seating very different from what they had originally requested and expected.

Thanks are also very much in order to the Membership Committee headed by Harry Halbren and ably assisted by Nathan Appleman, Newton Glekel, Emanuel Hochman, David J. Mendelsohn, Harry J. Sokolow and Archie Thurman, most of whom devoted so many evenings, including warm ones, to the arduous and important task of meeting applicants for membership and explaining our synagogue to them.

Best wishes to the members of our congregation and their families for a happy and healthy New Year.

Sidney R. Katz

Award To Eternal Light

The First Award for a religious program in the national network classification was presented to the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for the Eternal Light program, which it sponsors each week.

This is the weekly dramatic series carried on NBC radio every Sunday morning as a public service feature. The presentation was part of the 23rd annual American Exhibition of Educational Radio Programs recently held in Columbus, Ohio, under the sponsorship of The Institute for Education by Radio and Television of The Ohio State University.

This marks the eighth time that the Eternal Light, currently celebrating its 15th anniversary on the air, has been cited by Ohio State University.

Religious School Opens

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tives in the community that *children of non-members* may be enrolled in the school.

Opening Dates

The Hebrew Department of the Religious School will open on Wednesday, September 16 at 3:40 P.M.

The Primary Department will hold its first session on Sunday, September 20 at 9:45 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah

The Park Avenue Synagogue has always advocated equal opportunities in Jewish education for both boys and girls. All of our students attend the same classes, study the same curriculum and, at the age of thirteen, are equally prepared for the boys to be Bar Mitzvah and the girls to be Bat Mitzvah.

The Synagogue, however, in accordance with the recommendations of the United Synagogue Commission on Education, requires a minimum number of years of instruction in the three-day-a-week Hebrew Department prior to Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah. Beginning with the school year 1960-1961 all children who will be nine years old before April 1, 1961, will be required to enroll in the Hebrew Department for the year starting in September 1960 in order that they meet the educational requirements for Bar Mitzvah. This ruling will go into effect next year, but parents are advised to use it as a guide this year when they register their children for classes beginning September, 1959.

Faculty Notes

Rabbi Allan Blaine, a former member of the Religious School faculty, has been appointed the Rabbi of Temple Beth Israel, the conservative congregation of Somerville, New Jersey.

Rabbi Blaine was graduated from New York University, Herzliyah Hebrew Teachers Institute and the Jewish Theological Seminary. Rabbi Blaine recently completed a tour of duty in the United States Army as chaplain in Munich, Germany.

His friends in the Religious School and in the congregation extend to Rabbi Blaine their congratulations and very good wishes upon his new appointment.

Mr. Fishel Pearlmutter, who was a member of our Faculty for two years, has resigned to accept a week-end pulpit in a New Jersey community and, at the same time, to complete his Senior Year at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Our appreciation for his efforts on be-

Jewish Mens Clubs Honor Men's Club Members

At the annual conference of the Metropolitan Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Charles Bennet, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, was elected vice-president at large. He is also active in the Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue and serves on the Board of Directors.

Milton M. Sivek, a former president of our Men's Club and currently serving as associate treasurer of the Park Avenue Synagogue, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Region.

A highlight of the convention was the address by Rabbi Derby of Rego Park Jewish Center, who was host to the conference, on "How Can Men's Clubs Reflect and Advance the Principles of Conservative Judaism." In the course of his remarks, Rabbi Derby referred to the current "return to the synagogue" prevalent in the Conservative Movement and asserted that synagogue Men's Clubs must set their goals so as to add their strength and leadership to religious life.

Honors To David Steinberg

David Steinberg, son of our late Rabbi Milton Steinberg, graduated from Harvard College, magna cum laude, this past June. A few years ago, his brother Jonathan also received similar honors upon his graduation from Harvard.

David plans to spend one year in the Philippines under a Fullbright Scholarship which was awarded to him. While overseas, David plans to engage in special studies. Congratulations, David!

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION

**Sisterhood's
Annual Theater Party
December 9, 1959**

The title of the play
has been changed from
"Connecticut Summer"

to
"Take Me Along"

The Play, the Cast, and the Date
remain the same, only the name
has been changed.

half of our children and our good wishes go with Mr. Pearlmutter as he broadens the scope of his work in the field of Jewish education.

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Books At A Glance

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This is a facsimile reproduction of an old edition brought out in Venice, Italy, 300 years ago. With woodcuts and initial letter illustrations.

Rubin, Jacob A. and Barkai, Meyer,
Pictorial History of Israel.

Contains more than 600 photographs commemorating the tenth anniversary of the State of Israel.

Schwarz, Leo W., ed., *The Jewish Caravan. Great Stories of Twenty-five Centuries.*

Schwarz, Leo W., ed., *The Feast of Leviathan: Tales of Adventure, Faith and Love from Jewish Literature*.

These books may be bought at the Jewish book stores; they are not purchasable through the Library.

The librarian wishes to conclude this brief survey by wishing that all her readers had a most pleasant and enjoyable summer and looks forward to welcoming them again in the fall. The Library will reopen on September 15.

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The complement of the following committees has not yet been appointed:

Adult Education**Arts and Decorations****Conservative Judaism****Ushering and Hospitality House****Scholarship Fund****Welfare Fund****Irving Goldberg Appointed New Youth Director**

The Youth Activities Program will be under the supervision of Irving Goldberg, according to an announcement by Mrs. Herman Helpert, chairman of the Youth Activities Committee.

Mr. Goldberg, a former colleague of the late Hyman Sankel who headed the program for several years prior to his untimely death last year, has had considerable experience and education in group work and synagogue activities. At present, Mr. Goldberg is administrative assistant of Public School 613.

His most recent affiliation was with Rego Park Jewish Center, where he served as youth director for over five years. Prior to that, he was associated with Rabbi Heller as youth director. In both cases, Mr. Goldberg received the highest recommendation from the rabbis and lay leaders.

UJA Honors Women Leaders

A gala Victory Luncheon was held prior to the summer vacation at the Hotel Commodore to climax the efforts of UJA's Women's Division during the current campaign.

More than 1,000 women from the metropolitan area attended this celebration. The Luncheon was to honor three of the leaders of the Women's Division: Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel and Mrs. Burt J. Siris, who have been chairmen of the campaign, and Mrs. Irwin D. Davidson, chairman of the Advisory Board. Their devotion to UJA has inspired Women's Division in its efforts for many years and has helped make the past campaign one of the most successful in UJA history.

Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, whose dynamic leadership has been an inspiration to those engaged in the current UJA campaign of the Women's Division, has been active in Park Avenue Synagogue affairs for many years. She is now serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. She is also chairman of the Religious School Board, and serves on a number of other committees. We join in saluting Phyllis for this well deserved honor which her colleagues in UJA have conferred upon her.

RCA Makes Recordings of Old Testament For Blind

Hebrew Recordings of the Old Testament, never done before, have begun at the R.C.A.'s Victor Record Department, according to an announcement made by Congressman Ludwig Teller, president of the Central Library for the Blind in Israel, and Solomon N. Petchers, its chairman.

Approximately 60 long-play records will be required for the recording of the Old Testament and the estimated cost of the entire project will be about \$40,000. Commencement of the recording in Hebrew was made possible by a grant of \$10,000. through Hadassah Medical Relief Association, as trustee for a bequest provided in the Will of Estelle Penn Gayne of California.

In a joint statement issued by Congressman Teller and Mr. Petchers, they said: "This is a sacred occasion, of importance not only to the blind in Israel and Jewish people everywhere, but to

UJA Honors Congregants

Since the publication of the last issue of our BULLETIN, several members of the Park Avenue Synagogue have been honored by the United Jewish Appeal.

Joseph H. Cohen

At a dinner held last June in the Hotel Astor's grand ballroom, a record-breaking crowd of clothing-woolen industry leaders gathered to pay tribute to three noted octogenarians—all of them recognized pioneers in the industry and its philanthropies.

Among those honored was Joseph H. Cohen, the founder of the clothing firm bearing his name, whose benefactions include many humanitarian activities. The Cohen Library, which has become an outstanding feature of the Milton Steinberg House, was dedicated as a result of the generosity of Mr. Joseph H. Cohen and his son, Isidore M. Cohen, also a noted leader in UJA.

The main speaker was the grandson of the guest of honor and the son of Isidore M. Cohen, Arthur Cohen, who has achieved unusual distinction as a writer, publisher and philosopher.

Benjamin A. Hartstein

Long active in the councils of UJA, Benjamin A. Hartstein has served as chairman of the Lawyer's Division of UJA for many years. Through his inspiring leadership, more than \$110,000 has been raised for UJA by members of the Lawyer's Division through their Person-to-Person campaign which has continued throughout the summer.

Samuel Lemberg

A dedicated humanitarian devoted to Jewish causes, Samuel Lemberg, a member of our Board of Trustees, was recently presented with an award for his services during the Person-to-Person campaign.

The presentation was made by State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, a New York UJA general chairman.

the Christian religion which has its roots in the Old Testament. Now for the first time the Word of God, as revealed to Israel through the lawgiver Moses, the prophets, psalmists and sages will be available in Hebrew on records."

Among those serving on the Board of Directors of the American Committee of the Central Library for the Blind are Benjamin Sack, Isidore Sack and Sidney R. Katz.

Get-Acquainted Luncheon Opens Sisterhood Season

By RHEA M. RUTTENBERG

On Tuesday, September 22, Sisterhood will hold its first open meeting of the coming season. "Get-Acquainted with Sisterhood" will be the theme of the meeting, and it is hoped that new members of the Park Avenue Synagogue will join Sisterhood at this luncheon party to be served at noon in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Following luncheon, Rabbi Judah Nadich will discuss "Woman's Role in Conservative Judaism", a subject that should arouse considerable discussion.

Of timely interest for every Jewish woman will be the presentation of "Judaism in the Home", by Mrs. Irving Epstein and Mrs. Robert Altman, assisted by Mrs. Judah Nadich. The traditions of Rosh Hashanah, the charming table settings, appropriate foods, and customs will be discussed, and we know you will find the suggestions a great help in making your holiday celebration more meaningful and more inspiring.

Gift Shop

Mrs. Charles Bennet and Mrs. Jack Boneparth will once again be in charge of the Gift Shop. All proceeds go to Sisterhood's Offering Fund, so plan to make your selections prior to the meeting.

Ceremonial Objects

Mrs. Milton Heller tells us that she has received many new, exciting ceremonial objects from Israel. Irma is always ready to help you choose just the perfect gift for every occasion. Look at the display in the lobby of the Milton Steinberg House, and you will surely find just what you have been looking for.

Federation Selects Felt To Head Drive

Irving Mitchell Felt, a member of the Advisory Council of our Board of Trustees, who is identified with numerous philanthropic, religious and communal activities, has been appointed chairman of the 1959-1960 fund-raising campaign of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

The appointment of Mr. Felt was recently announced by Gustave L. Levy, president of the federation, in anticipation of the campaign which will soon get under way.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Alex E. Arnstein—upon the birth of a granddaughter, Amy Margaret

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Baumritter—marriage of their daughter Miss Emilie B. to Mr. Herbert Klagsbrun

Mrs. Jeannette Block—upon her marriage to Mr. Emanuel Lewis

Mr. Isidore M. Cohen and Mrs. Barbara Joseloff upon their marriage

Mrs. Fannie Dubrow—upon the birth of a grandson, Gregory Frederick Stahl

Mr. and Mrs. Charles King Emma upon the birth of a daughter, Holly King

Mr. and Mrs. David Fogelson—upon the engagement of their daughter Miss Ellen to Mr. Arthur Liman

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Gerber—upon the marriage of their daughter Miss Iris to Mr. Barrie M. Damson

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gevirtz—upon the engagement of their grandson Mr. Leon Edward Simco to Miss Myra A. Rosenthal

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hill—upon their 15th Wedding Anniversary on July 14th

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Q. Jonas—upon the marriage of their son Alan
Mr. Samuel R. Kan—Upon his marriage to Miss Joan Pollak

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Lubin—upon the birth of a granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben R. Kaufman—upon the marriage of their son Mr. Curtis H. to Miss Carole Gail Baumgarten

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Primoff—upon the marriage of their son Mr. L. Robert to Miss Barbara Sheila Gould

Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Putterman—upon the marriage of their daughter Miss Gail to Mr. Michael Jay Friedlander

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raticoff—upon the birth of a granddaughter Edna Ellen

Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Richman—upon the marriage of their daughter Miss Myra N. to Mr. Allen Togut

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Rosenthal—upon the engagement of their daughter Miss Myra A. to Mr. Leon Edward Simco

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sack—upon the birth of a grandson, Eric Gene Wollan

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Schnee—upon the birth of a granddaughter, Barbara Ann Schnee

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sivek—upon their 15th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 10

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham M. Weinberg—upon the birth of a granddaughter, Nancy Jo

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weinflash—upon the birth of a son, Jeffrey Adam

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Weisbart—upon the engagement of their son, Mr. James Jesse to Miss Marjorie Beth Ellenbogen

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Yuder—upon the marriage of their son, Mr. Paul Mark to Miss Ellen Davidman

American Jewish Committee Names Felt and Chalk to Board

Irving Mitchell Felt, member of the Park Avenue Synagogue and its Advisory Council, and O. Roy Chalk, also a member of our congregation, were recently named as members of the administrative board of the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Felt, president of the Graham-Paige Corporation is also chairman of the executive committees of the Madison Square Garden Corporation and the Hotel Corporation of America.

Mr. Chalk is head of the O. Roy Chalk Realty and Construction Corporation and president of Trans Caribbean Airways. He recently offered to buy the city's transit system.

The committee is devoted to the combating of bigotry and the protection of the civil and religious rights of Jews.

—S.R.K.

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Mrs. Anna Edelman — death of nephew

Mr. Morris Ginsberg—death of father, Moses Ginsberg

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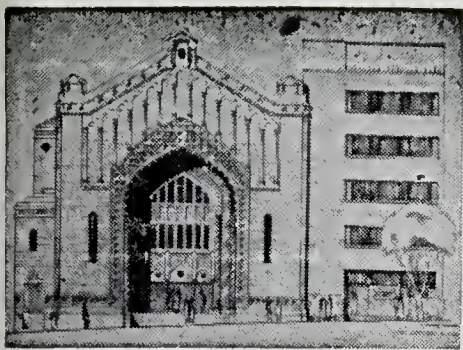
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New Hat and Coat Checking Facilities At High Holy Day Services

Members of the congregation will welcome the news that a very complete hat and coat checking service will be available during both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at the synagogue. At the two Rosh Hashanah morning services, on Kol Nidre night and all day Yom Kippur, special arrangements have been set up for the convenience of our congregants, both men and women. For all those seated in the balcony, the Wimpfheimer Classroom (Room 300) will be set up as a check room. For those on the main floor of the synagogue, as well as in the Lemberg Auditorium, the regular check room in the lower lobby of the Milton Steinberg House will be open and serviced at all times.

At the suggestion of the Ritual Committee the male members of the congregation are invited to check their hats and avail themselves of the white yarmulkes which will be available both in

High Holy Days Begin Friday Evening, October 2 Morning Services, Saturday and Sunday

The year 5720 in the Jewish calendar will be ushered in at the Park Avenue Synagogue on Friday evening, October 2, at 5:45 p.m., the *minhath* prayers immediately preceding the Rosh Hashanah evening service. On the two mornings of Rosh Hashanah, Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, the services commencing at 8:30 a.m. will take place in both the synagogue and the Lemberg Auditorium.

NELSON RUTTENBERG

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Park Avenue Synagogue
mourns its loss.

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the check room and from the ushers. It is felt that the uniform wearing of white skull caps will add to the decorum of the services.

During the evening services of Rosh Hashanah, Friday night and Saturday night, checking facilities for all will be available in the main lobby of the Milton Steinberg House.

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Hazzan David J. Putterman and Hazzan Abraham Friedman, together with the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ. Rabbi Tanenbaum, who has assisted Rabbi Nadich for the past two High Holy Day seasons, is the executive director of the Synagogue Council of America. He will alternate with Rabbi Nadich in preaching the sermons.

As is our custom, a united service will be held, joining the worshippers in the synagogue and the auditorium.

Yom Kippur

The Kol Nidre service will start promptly on Sunday evening, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. The next morning the Yom Kippur services will begin at 8:30, with the Yizkor memorial service to be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hazzan Abraham Friedman will chant the *shaharit* service and read the Torah in the synagogue, with Mr. Ethan Signer performing these duties in the auditorium. Mr. Isidor Hahn will again blow the shofar.

Student Section

Young men and women from out of town who are attending colleges and universities in New York will have a special section assigned to them in the Lemberg Auditorium and may obtain cards of admission by communicating in advance with the synagogue office.

The members of the congregation are requested to bring their own cards of admission for all services.

Schedule of High Holy Days Services

ROSH HASHANAH

First Evening, Friday, October 2	5:45 P.M.
First Morning, Saturday, October 3	8:30 A.M.
Second Evening, Saturday, October 3	5:45 P.M.
Second Morning, Sunday, October 4	8:30 A.M.

SHABBAT SHUVAH — THE SABBATH OF REPENTANCE

Friday Evening, October 9	5:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, October 10	9:30 A.M.

Bat Mitzvah of Viola Hurtig

daughter of Mrs. Renee Hurtig

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre, Sunday Evening, October 11	6:30 P.M.
Yom Kippur, Monday, October 12	8:30 A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Service	3:00 P.M.

The High Holy Day Services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, Hazzan David J. Putterman,

Hazzan Abraham Friedman and the Synagogue Choir

with Mr. George Crook at the organ

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In Memoriam Nelson Ruttenberg

Last Saturday morning we were all suddenly and poignantly reminded of the mortality of man, as the Almighty in His infinite wisdom summoned to His heavenly abode the soul of our beloved and esteemed colleague and dear friend, Nelson Ruttenberg. Brought face to face with this manifestation of divine omnipotence, we humbly acknowledge that "The Lord giveth; the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

The measure of a man's years is in the keeping of the Deity; what he makes of those years is in his own hands. Of his span on earth Nelson Ruttenberg made a truly beautiful and enduring monument of service to Park Avenue

Synagogue. Here in this Board room he found particularly effective expression for his gifted talents, for his keen, logical mind, for his incisive powers of analysis, for his indefatigable tenacity. Here in this building he labored with a zeal, a devotion and a sense of dedication far above and beyond the call of duty. To him this Synagogue was a noble way of life so that he lived it with every fibre of his being and he loved it and served it so long and so well.

In keeping with these sentiments, be it now solemnly resolved by this Board of Trustees that we sadly note and deeply mourn the death of our dear colleague, knowing full well that we, as all who knew him, are the richer and the better for his having lived and all the poorer for his having passed away.

Be it further resolved that we respectfully extend our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife Rhea and his adored son David, and we reverently pray that the Almighty may grant them both solace and comfort in this hour of their sorrow.

Be it finally resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Mrs. Rhea Ruttenberg.

—from the minutes of the
Board of Trustees meeting
September 17, 1959

To "N. R."

The passing of Nelson Ruttenberg created a tremendous gap in the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Those who were fortunate enough to know him personally know what grievous loss was sustained by his wife, Rhea, his son, David, and by their entire family and relatives. Mr. Ruttenberg's friends were legion. They came from all walks of life and, in a sense, constituted a panorama of so much that is New York.

We here at the synagogue will take a long time to adjust ourselves to his passing.

To list Mr. Ruttenberg's positions of responsibility is to list the tasks that were normally done not by one person but rather by a number of people.

A treasurer signs checks, but Nelson Ruttenberg scrutinized every voucher, every bill and every payment that came across his desk over the past four years. No ordinary person would have been so scrupulous with his own private accounts as was Nelson with the synagogue finances.

His work on the Finance Committee ranked second in the matter of time only to the chairman. But chairman or not, and only as a member, he never missed a meeting of the Finance Committee and

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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1959

Nelson Ruttenberg Dies, Former Police Official

Nelson Ruttenberg, sixty-six, as counsel to the New York former Deputy Police Commissioner and long active as a trustee of the Park Ave. Synagogue, 50 E. 87th St., died yesterday at his home, 50 E. 87th St.

Mr. Ruttenberg, a lawyer, served as Fourth Deputy Commissioner of the Police Department in charge of legal affairs from 1927 to 1932. During his tenure, he headed the Bureau of Crime Prevention, which was founded in 1930 mainly to deal with juvenile delinquency.

He was also in charge of the hack bureau and advocated uniforms for the city's taxi drivers "to enhance their social and economic position and make them more presentable." The suggestion never was adopted.

Mr. Ruttenberg also served

as counsel to the New York State Liquor Authority from 1932 to 1935.

Elected to Assembly

In 1924, Mr. Ruttenberg, a Democrat, was elected to the State Assembly. In the early 1930s, he acted as president of the Jewish National Fund, part of a world-wide Jewish fund for reclaiming Palestine for the Jewish people.

In poor health for the last twenty years, Mr. Ruttenberg gave up his political career and his law practice but remained active in the Jewish community. He was trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue for ten years and treasurer for four.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rhea Ruttenberg, and a son, David Ruttenberg.



Nelson Ruttenberg, when he was deputy police commissioner.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1959.

RUTTENBERG DIES; EX-POLICE AIDE, 65

Deputy Commissioner From
1927 to 1932—Active in
Zionist Organization

Nelson Ruttenberg, a former Deputy Police Commissioner and a Zionist leader, died of a heart attack yesterday as he was leaving his home at 38 East Eighty-fifth Street. He was 65 years old.

Mr. Ruttenberg was Fourth Deputy Police Commissioner from 1927 to 1933. He had presided at the disciplinary trials of policemen involved in the Seabury vice investigation. In 1933 he resigned to become counsel to the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, a position that he held until he retired in 1937 because of ill health. He had served in the State Assembly in 1924 and 1925.

He was president of the Jewish National Fund from 1931 to 1933 and a former member of the administrative committee of the Zionist Organization of America. At his death he was a practicing lawyer and treasurer of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Mr. Ruttenberg, who was born in Elmira, N. Y., graduated from New York University and the New York Law School.

He is survived by his widow, Rhea; a son, David A., and two brothers, Ira and Norbert.



Nelson Ruttenberg

Contributions Made In Memory Of Nelson Ruttenberg

Before any plans could get under way for a fitting memorial for the name of Nelson Ruttenberg, the synagogue office has received the beginnings of a fund. Contributions have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Greenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grunther.

As we go to press additional contributions have come from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ochs, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Gerber, and the synagogue office staff.

S. R. K.

schedule the bulletin so as to make sure that the major events were featured at the proper times. Synagogues never quite function in that orderly way, and things sometimes went askew and contrary to Nelson's planning. Somehow the events were inserted properly and everything came out as planned.

In addition to all this work he was also a member of the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests, the Planning Committee, the Religious School Board, the Youth Activities Committee, Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund and on any number of ad hoc committees on which he worked from time to time.

Nelson was an ideal synagogue officer. He never accepted a responsibility that did not interest him (there may have been some). He only interested himself in things to which he was prepared to

Condolences

Mrs. Gita Klebanoff — death of husband, Gregori

Mrs. Rhea Ruttenberg—death of husband, Nelson

Mr. Bernard Weintraub — death of sister, Felia

Mr. Leon Taffae—death of wife, Sarah K.

Mrs. Estelle Zuckerman—death of brother, Seymour L. Topping

give adult, mature attention. This perhaps can present a clue to the kind of personality Nelson was.

Nelson looked at everything astutely. He was rigidly fair in everything he evaluated and often he did not care, as the expression goes, "how the chips fell". He gave everything his analytical criticism, and gave more of himself than was good for his health. He was never cantankerous, always objective. Nelson loved the Park Avenue Synagogue and he watched it and often hovered over it with tenderness. There was something poetic about Nelson's chronic illness on the one hand and his constant planning for the future on the other hand. He was always looking ahead in plans for the synagogue, always looking to the future. His thoughts were dramatic and visionary, but not unrealistic. He would have long conversations about plans for the years to come for the good and welfare of the congregation. They were not the plans, however, of a man who is only looking to the future, but who is also working for the present day as well.

The Park Avenue Synagogue was blessed by his membership and we can be thankful that he was with us and that he spent the last years of his life as a member. This synagogue will for decades to come be a more significant, vital factor in the religious and communal life of New York, because it was the will of God that Nelson Ruttenberg was permitted, among other things, to be a Trustee, our Treasurer, and our Bulletin Chairman and Editor.

We all share the grief of Rhea and David, and we are certain that they too knew then as they know now how much the Park Avenue Synagogue and Nelson Ruttenberg meant to each other.

S. R. K.

To "N. R."

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would stick with it, particularly when it was planning the budget for the new year, far into the night, long after a man of his frail health should have done, to battle for a balanced synagogue budget. Certainly 12 or 1 A.M. in the morning was not an hour for him to be working.

Sometimes editing a synagogue bulletin can be a rather easy task. You just ask people for articles, slap them together, and presto! you have a synagogue bulletin. Not so Nelson. We had a check list, prepared in advance, of standard items to appear regularly in each bulletin, and Nelson scrutinized the synagogue calendar months ahead to

New Year's Greeting From The Rabbi

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have a unique quality about them. Unlike the other festivals of the Jewish religious calendar, all of which are associated with the collectivity of the Jewish people, these Holy Days are concerned with the fate and destiny of the individual and speak directly to him. They are not identified with any sacred event or historic happening in the consciousness of the Jewish people. Their message is one that has to do with the hopes and fears of the individual, with his search for meaning, with his loneliness and rootlessness.

The major theme of these Days of Awe is that of *tshuvah*, usually translated as "repentance", but more literally and correctly "return". That "return" should be of a twofold character—to God and to the Jewish people. The nature of Judaism is such that we cannot return to God without a simultaneous return to our people. And a return to our people should have as its aim a return to God.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barzilay—upon the birth of a son

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bronstein—upon the birth of great granddaughter Barbara Ann Cohen

Mrs. Sadie E. Cohen—upon the birth of granddaughter Lisa Margaret Cohen

Mr. and Mrs. David Fogelson—upon the marriage of their daughter Ellen to Mr. Arthur Liman

Mr. and Mrs. Moe Gale—upon the engagement of their son Richard Milton to Miss Maya Mori

Dr. and Mrs. Milton Helpert—upon the birth of a granddaughter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Horowitz—upon their 20th wedding anniversary

Mr. Emanuel Rosenthal—upon his 70th birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Thurman—upon the birth of grandson Jonathan Shapiro

Mrs. Estelle Zuckerman—upon the marriage of her daughter Barbara to Dr. Jules Rodin

For all who think and feel during these fateful times, who are not solely preoccupied with either the necessities of the hour or the trivialities of the moment, these Holy Days can be a source of blessing if they serve to stimulate a "return". A rediscovery of God's presence in the universe, an awareness of His reality and the possibility of our close personal relationship with Him, together with an appreciation of the worth of belonging to the Jewish people can effect dynamic changes within our personal being.

My prayer is that these Days of Awe will move us to a "return" that will be decisive in our lives, that will bless us all the days of our years.

My wife, our daughters and I are joined by Hazzan and Mrs. David J. Putterman and family in extending to you and your loved ones our warm wishes for a New Year of health, happiness and personal fulfillment.

JUDAH NADICH

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES AT JEWISH MUSEUM

The students of the Religious School will conduct High Holy Day Services at The Jewish Museum, 92nd Street and Fifth Avenue.

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Sisterhood's Open Meeting

By MRS. DAVID ALTSCHUL

On Tuesday, October 20, Sisterhood will feature Mr. Nirmal Chaudhuri, United Nations correspondent for leading Asian papers, as guest at its open meeting. This will inaugurate a series of programs designed to keep Sisterhood members informed of the latest developments in world affairs. Mr. Chaudhuri will discuss such timely topics as Laos, Israel and India, which are of interest to all of us.

The meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 1:00 o'clock, will be followed by refreshments appropriate to Sukkot served in the Sukkah. This will be a special treat because our Sukkah, which is decorated so beautifully each year by members of the congregation, is famous for its artistic arrangement of the fruits and vegetables.

The gift shop will be open prior to the meeting to enable you to make your selections from the various attractive articles for sale.

Don't forget the date—October 20—for what promises to be a most stimulating and informative afternoon.

Greetings From Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Dear Fellow Congregants:

Amid the rapidity of events which are taking place in this world and in outer space, it is good to pause in the shadow of the High Holy Days and wish you all *Shanah Tovah*—a year of good health, personal joy, and the profound satisfaction that comes from selfless service to your synagogue and to your people.

I pray that this coming year we will all work together to make New Year 5720 a year of fruitful accomplishments for Park Avenue Synagogue and a year of joy and brotherhood throughout the world.

JOSEPH HOWARD KATZ

New Year's Greetings From Jacob Klein to the Members of the Park Avenue Synagogue

Mrs. Klein is happy to join with me in extending to you, with deep affection, our best wishes that you and each member of your families "may be inscribed" (in the Book of Life) for a good year. That is the traditional way we express ourselves as contrasted with the secular way of saying Happy New Year.

I think the formula we Jews use is more to the point. What might be a Happy New Year for most of us may not satisfy everyone. Thus, as one author put it, "It is good to have money, and the things money can buy, but it is good too, to check up once in a while and be sure you haven't lost the things money can't buy." Most of us make new resolutions for the New Year. Would you, therefore, this year resolve to attend the Park Avenue Synagogue services on as many Friday evenings and Saturday mornings as possible? Money can never buy you the spiritual uplift that such attendance will bring to you. You will not only meet your fellow members socially and pleasantly, but will also be in a holy edifice dedicated to the glory and service of God. You will not only hear the word of God interpreted by our wonderful Rabbi Judah Nadich, but you will also hear him expound many beautiful theories and concepts of life in all its phases and manifold manifestations, and realize some of the things money can't buy. You will also hear our equally wonderful Hazzan David J. Putterman chant the various portions of the services in a most beautiful and dignified voice, assisted by an able organist and choir, as well as Hazzan Abraham Friedman, and you cannot help but enjoy a delightful liturgical and spiritually uplifting service. And so I bring to you these New Year's Greetings:

1. That you may check up and see that you haven't lost any of the things money can't buy, and

2. That God bless each of you and each of your respective families with his choicest blessings of long life, good health and happiness, not only for this year, but for many, many years to come.

JACOB KLEIN
President

Additional Committees Appointed By Joseph Howard Katz

The chairman of the Board of Trustees, Joseph Howard Katz, announced the following committee appointments:

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New Book Chosen By Jewish Book Guild

The new book entitled *The Flowering of Modern Hebrew Literature*, by Menachem Ribalow, edited and translated by Rabbi Judah Nadich, has been chosen by the Jewish Book Guild of America as one of its selections.

In a recent review Dr. Abraham Burstein in the *National Jewish Post and Opinion*, said the following of the book: "A critique and anthology to interest every person with literary predilections, and certainly those who have any appreciation of the greatness of modern literature in Hebrew. Well written, well produced, the book is a monument to Dr. Nadich as well as to Ribalow, and will merit a high place in all literary history."

Mr. and Mrs. Club

By LOUISE ABBOTT

The officers and members of the Mr. & Mrs. Club deeply mourn the sudden passing of Nelson Ruttenberg, a dear friend and ardent supporter of the Club's activities. His untiring efforts and the inspiration he imparted will long be a guiding symbol in our future plans.

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In observance of Simhat Torah, the Mr. & Mrs. Club will hold a Cocktail Party and Reception for members and prospective members who wish to join us in our activities for the new season ahead.

The date: Sunday, October 25

Time: 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

For invitations please contact: Mr. & Mrs. Club, Park Avenue Synagogue.

An exciting program has been planned. It will include a thrilling performance by Israeli dancers.

We look forward—old friends to greet—new couples to meet!

Youth Activities

Registration for Teen-Age Clubs will start the week of September 28 at the Youth Activities office in the synagogue.

Both old and new members should register at this time. All teen agers who are interested are invited to join. The programs of the clubs will start soon after registration is completed.

92nd Street "Y" Honors Harold H. Levin

Our neighbor, the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association at Lexington Avenue and 92nd Street, will honor its president by dedicating its new Residence Lounge in his name on September 30. The "Y" president is Harold H. Levin who is also a member of our synagogue and our Board of Trustees. The dedication also honors Mr. Levin's sixtieth birthday which occurred this month.

Adult Courses Available In The Community

Courses in Jewish studies are conveniently available for men and women during both morning and evening hours. This information is of particular importance this year to the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue since the format of our own adult education program will be radically altered and the normal Monday evening courses in Hebrew, Bible, Jewish history, etc., will not be offered at our synagogue this year.

However, those who are interested in pursuing regular courses of study in the Hebrew language, whether as beginners or as more advanced students, or in any other Jewish subject have ample opportunity for doing so at hours and places convenient to them.

The Women's Institute of Jewish Studies will offer courses at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at Broadway and 122 Street, on Monday and Wednesday mornings in the general areas of Hebrew, Bible, history and religion. Morning classes are also offered at the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, Lexington Avenue and 92 Street. The subjects presented are Hebrew, art, foreign affairs, poetry, opera lecture, dance, interior design and flower arrangement.

Lemberg and Weill Chair Israel Bonds Dinner

Many Park Avenue Synagogue members are interested in the dinner at the Waldorf on September 30 which is the opening affair in the fall campaign for State of Israel Bonds. Samuel Lemberg and Milton Weill are the co-chairmen of the committee, and Rabbi Judah Nadich will deliver the invocation for the occasion.

Mr. Lemberg is well known to our congregation as donor of the Lemberg Auditorium and for his many services as Trustee. Mr. Weill, now our Honorary Trustee, has been on our Board for many years, and a P. A. S. leader for decades.

Volunteers For Hospitals

People in hospitals need volunteer as well as professional services to get well. The United Hospital Fund of New York not only places volunteers but trains them. At this time the hospitals of New York City need volunteers especially for patients' libraries, occupational therapy and recreation. The Fund's courses in these fields start next month, with registration during this week of September 28th. Any of our readers who can devote some time to helping hospital patients are urged to call the United Hospital Fund, 3 East 54 Street, PL 4-1080.

Evening courses for adults may be taken at the Seminary School of Jewish Studies at 3080 Broadway, on Monday and Wednesday evenings, in Hebrew, Bible, history, sociology, literature, religion, philosophy, music, dance, education, synagogue administration and art. The classes in art are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at The Jewish Museum, 92 Street and Fifth Avenue.

In addition, the City College School of General Studies in collaboration with the New York Public Library is offering a 12-week course in conversational Hebrew at P.S. 18, 121 East 51 Street.

Information about any of these schools and their courses may be obtained directly from the school concerned, or by telephoning Miss Shapiro at the synagogue office.

Sisterhood's Brunch and Theatre Party

By this time all Sisterhood members and friends have received their raffle books for the annual brunch and theatre party. The sale of one book of 25 chances for \$25 entitles you to a wonderful afternoon—brunch at the Hotel Astor and a matinee ticket for a brand-new hit musical show. The big day is Wednesday, December 9.

Sisterhood is maintaining its tradition of the best in entertainment at these annual functions. Under its auspices you have seen such hit shows as "Teahouse of the August Moon", "Auntie Mame," "The Flower Drum Song"—to name only a few—and now Sisterhood is proud to add still another hit to this illustrious list.

"Take Me Along," a musical adaptation of Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness," starring Walter Pidgeon and Jackie Gleason, has received rave notices on its out-of-town opening. The *Boston Daily Globe* called it "an expert musical . . . Oona White has invented two highly original ballets for sheer divertissement, both of them brilliantly danced. One deals with the antics of American males whooping it up on the Glorious Fourth; the second is a stunning fantasy of Salome, Hedda Gabler, George Sand, Chopin, and Shaw, all in black and white. . . . Bob Merrill has produced keen, pointed lyrics and a bouquet of fine tunes."

This hit show is a "must" for you to see. If you have not already done so, send in your check *now* to Mrs. William Karmiol, Treasurer of Luncheon, 400 East 58 Street, New York 22, to make certain that a seat is reserved for you.

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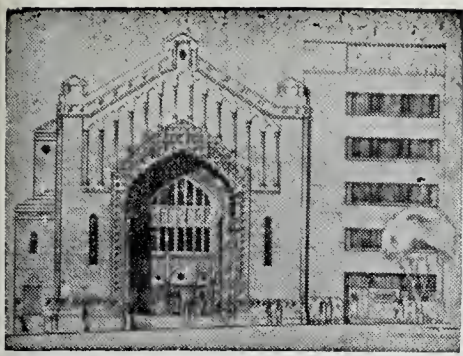
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Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund Grows

A large number of congregants have already made substantial contributions to a Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund. Included among the donors are friends of Mr. Ruttenberg, as well as members of the synagogue staff.

The contributors as of this writing are: Mr. and Mrs. Irving Mitchell Felt, Hon. and Mrs. Abraham N. Geller, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grunther, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hochman, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Helpen, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Katz, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Levin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ochs, Mr. and Mrs. Israel

Congregation Honors Three Leaders At Simhat Torah Services Sunday, October 25

Mr. George L. Armour, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer and Dr. Harry F. Wechsler will be honored by the Park Avenue Synagogue for leadership service rendered to the congregation and the community at the Simhat Torah service on Sunday morning, October 25, the service beginning at 9:30 a.m.

These awards are bestowed annually by the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue

Synagogue upon persons who have served with distinction in Jewish affairs, and are regarded as being among the choicest honors conferred by the congregation.

George L. Armour has been named *Hatan Torah*, Bridegroom of the Torah, and will be called to the Torah for the ceremonial reading of the last verses in the Pentateuch. Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, designated as *Kalah Mafteret*, Bride of the Prophetic Message, will be summoned for the reading of the prophetic portion of the day. This practice of honoring a woman for her Jewish achievements was inaugurated in our synagogue some years ago. To Dr. Harry F. Wechsler has been given the honor of being called to the Torah when the annual cycle of its reading is begun once again with the opening verses of the Pentateuch. His will be the *aliyah* of *Hatan Bereshit*, Bridegroom of the Beginning.

Artistically drawn scrolls, commemorating the distinction awarded them, will be presented to Mr. Armour, Mrs. Wimpfheimer and Dr. Wechsler by Mr. Arthur Jablow, Mrs. Herman Helpen and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer respectively.

Immediately following the gala service, the worshippers will be invited to a kiddush reception in the Lemberg Auditorium in tribute to the three guests of honor. Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has appointed a committee to organize the reception.

Schedule of Religious Services

SUKKOT SERVICES

Friday Evening, October 165:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, October 179:30 A.M.
Saturday Evening, October 175:45 P.M.
Sunday Morning, October 189:30 A.M.

(Kiddush will be served in the Sukkah after each service)

Closing Days of Festival

Shemini Atzeret Eve, Friday, October 235:45 P.M.
Shemini Atzeret, Saturday, October 249:30 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Service

Simhat Torah Eve, Saturday, October 245:30 P.M.

Consecration of New Students

Simhat Torah, Sunday, October 259:30 A.M.

Honoring of Three Congregants

George L. Armour, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Dr. Harry F. Wechsler

Reception following service in Lemberg Auditorium

Sabbath Services

Friday Evening, October 305:45 P.M.
Saturday Morning, October 319:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Weinstein

son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Weinstein

*The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich
and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

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"Israeli Night" Of Men's Club, October 27 Ladies Welcome Too

By ALBERT SIEGEL

Just once in a great while does any organization have the opportunity to present as delightful, inspiring and interesting a program as the one the Men's Club will offer at the open meeting on Tuesday, October 27.

Realizing the universal appeal of an "Israeli Night", Men's Club extends a cordial welcome to all Park Avenue Synagogue members and affiliated arms of the synagogue—both men and women.

The evening will commence with a talk by the Hon. Simcha Pratt, Minister Plenipotentiary and Consul General of Israel in New York. He will speak on "Israel—Today and Tomorrow". At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Pratt will answer questions from the audience.

Mr. Pratt's talk will be followed by a short and interesting film entitled "Wilderness of Zin", and then the famous Oranim Zabar group, featuring Geula Gill, Michael Kagan and Dov Seltzer, will entertain. This troupe, more familiarly known as the "OZ", has appeared in many night clubs and theaters throughout the United States, Canada and South America. They have received excellent press notices wherever they have played.

This all adds up to a highly interesting, informative, instructive and entertaining evening, and the Men's Club is happy to be the first of the United Synagogue Men's Clubs to present an "Israeli Night" this year.

Mark the date on your calendar—October 27 — Tuesday evening — 8:15 p.m. — the Lemberg Auditorium of the synagogue. Refreshments will be served.

New Look For Synagogue

THANKS TO ETHEL SIVEK

The new furnishings in the main sanctuary of our synagogue raised the level of beauty at our High Holy Day services. New cushions on the main floor pews, refinishing of the pews, aisle carpeting for the first time in our history, new carpet on the pulpit, too, and re-covering the pulpit chairs, more illumination at the rear of the synagogue and improvements in our sound system comprise the most dramatic changes that ever occurred during a single year.

The decorating work was undertaken by our Committee on Arts and Decoration chaired by Mrs. Ethel Sivek and most ably assisted by Mrs. Lucille Lemberg, Mrs. Sally Victor and Milton J. Selig who also was professionally responsible for refurbishing the pews. The work of this committee has gone far to retain most of the original beauty of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

It would be much less than fair if our congregants remained unaware that the projects Ethel Sivek undertook and so brilliantly accomplished were all done during the heat of this very hot summer. It was a task which only a labor of love, not talent alone, could have carried through—and we all are deeply appreciative.

Congregants who are seated in the balcony of the main sanctuary will have noted that for the Yom Kippur services most of the pews were cushioned. It is expected that the entire balcony will be cushioned by the time of next year's High Holy Days.

Congregants seated in the Lemberg Auditorium will have noted the interesting and ancient-looking Eternal Light. Years ago this lamp was contributed by one of our members, Mr. Leo Eppsteiner. Previously it had hung in the rear of the main synagogue but in recent years its beauty has been decorating the stage of the Lemberg Auditorium during our High Holy Day services.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, October 24

Congregants are reminded that during the Shemini Atzeret services on Saturday morning, October 24, Yizkor Memorial Prayers will be said.

You will find Memorial Cards enclosed with the current issue of the Bulletin.

Doctors Seminar Opens Wed., Oct. 21

The Adult Education program of the Park Avenue Synagogue is developing new composition and content this year.

The first section of the program is a seminar for surgeons, doctors and dentists who are members of the congregation, and the first of three monthly sessions of this seminar will be held on Wednesday evening, October 21. It will be conducted by Rabbi Nadich, and will deal with Jewish attitudes toward birth control, abortion, autopsy and euthanasia, and with the medical practices described in the Bible, Talmud and Rabbinic literature.

Nationwide Interest in P.A.S. Seminars

An inspiration for planning this seminar was the interest aroused by the Talmudic law seminar last year for the judges and other lawyers of our congregation. This interest extended far beyond the Park Avenue Synagogue: our law seminar was cited by the *United Synagogue Review* for consideration by other synagogues. The law seminar was given nationwide publicity in the September issue not only in an article but in photographs including the cover picture.

Other Adult Education Features

The program set up by the committee on Adult Education of the Park Avenue Synagogue includes a seminar in the spring for businessmen of the congregation, monthly lectures and discussions in conjunction with the Friday evening services, and six Sunday morning seminars for parents of Religious School children. The first of the parents' sessions will be held Sunday, November 1, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., while the parents are waiting to meet their children after classes.

Detailed information about these lectures and seminars will reach members of the congregation well before sessions start.

The seminars for doctors and businessmen will require prior registration since they are limited to Park Avenue Synagogue members, but the parents' seminars and Friday evening lecture-discussions are open to all.

Simhat Torah Honors

Hatan Torah



GEORGE L. ARMOUR

George L. Armour has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue for a few decades and has long been active in its responsible leadership. Interest in the synagogue has come to him by inheritance, for his father before him was the president of a synagogue.

As former treasurer of the Park Avenue Synagogue and a member of its Finance Committee he made an important contribution toward the rethinking of the financial structure of the congregation and towards the revision of the dues system as now prevailing. In addition, he has made his mark on other aspects of the synagogue's program, having served as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1953 and as a member of various important committees of the congregation including the Ritual Committee, the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests and the Milton Steinberg Building Fund Committee. Indicative of the kind of Jew he is, is the fact that while he and his wife were enjoying a world tour last year he personally organized and conducted a Passover *seder* aboard ship.

A native New Yorker, he shares the birthdate of February 22 with the father of our country. His industrial life has been spent in the chemical and allied industries, and he was a pioneer in dye-stuff manufacture. It is understandable, therefore, that one of his keen interests is the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

For his service to the synagogue, Mr. Armour has been selected for the honor of *Hatan Torah* for Simhat Torah, 5720.

Kalah Mafferet

Vicki Wimpfheimer (Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer) has made many contributions to the life of the congregation, especially in those areas in which she finds her own greatest interest: children, young people and books.

Her interest in our school has come to her naturally because she herself is a graduate of the teachers training course of the Froebel League. After her graduation she taught kindergarten and nursery school. Her own older three daughters were educated and confirmed at our school, one of them becoming Bat Mitzvah after the rite was introduced



MRS. SEYMOUR WIMPFHEIMER

at our synagogue. Her two younger children are now students at our school.

She was one of the organizers of our Parents Association in 1945, and the first chairman of its membership committee and its library committee. The work of the latter led to the organization of our present large and widely used synagogue library. But originally under Vicki's supervision the first library facilities consisted of a handful of books wheeled about the several classrooms in a book cart.

She served as president of the Parents Association for five years, placing an emphasis on making Judaism, the holidays in particular, more meaningful to the children. During her regime, workshop programs were started and festival parties introduced, together with a special lecture series for parents given by Rabbi Nadich.

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Hatan Bereshit

Dr. Harry F. Wechsler has successfully blended the career of a distinguished physician and eminent internist with service to the Jewish people and the land of Israel.

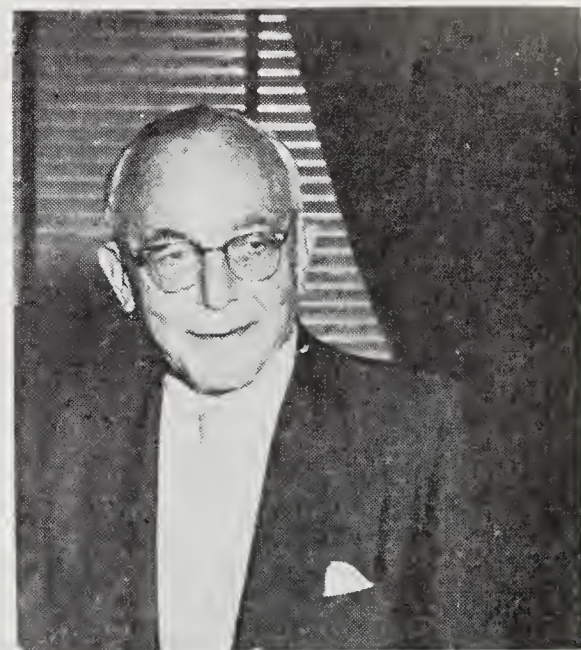
A member of the Park Avenue Synagogue for almost a quarter of a century, he founded, together with the late Dr. Milton Steinberg, the Yorkville Zionist District 23 years ago, and has been its honorary president for the past 17 years. The District has enjoyed an association with our synagogue since its inception and has made its own contribution to our library for the purchase of books on Zionism and Israel.

Dr. Wechsler is a member of the Men's Club as well and has participated as a panelist at one of its forums.

Dr. Wechsler has exercised leadership on a broader scale as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America, its chairman for Israel Bonds and the American Zionist Fund for Manhattan, and a trustee of the American Jewish Physicians Committee.

He is an attending physician at the Lenox Hill Hospital, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a trustee of the Columbia University Physicians & Surgeons Alumni Association and was associate clinical professor at the New York University Medical College. During the last war he served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army and was discharged with the rank of colonel. He is the author of a number of articles in medical journals.

For his service to the community, to the Jewish people and the land of Israel, Dr. Wechsler has been named as *Hatan Bereshit* for Simhat Torah, 5720.



DR. HARRY F. WECHSLER

"New Mothers" Luncheon On Tuesday, October 27

The Parents Association will hold its annual luncheon for all mothers new to the Religious School of the Park Avenue Synagogue on Tuesday, October 27, in the Sisterhood Lounge at 12:30 p.m.

The purpose of the luncheon is to welcome the parents who are new to the school, to introduce them to one another and to the "old timers" and also to acquaint them with the way in which the Parents Association assists the Religious School in making the children's education meaningful and pleasurable.

Mrs. Emil Forster, chairman of the Luncheon Committee, will be assisted by Mrs. Joseph Dell, Mrs. Louis Kaplan, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, Mrs. Albert Siegel, Mrs. James Leff and Mrs. Samuel Wick.

At the luncheon the new mothers will hear of the many activities of the Parents Association. It always provides the potato *latkes* for Hannukah, the delicacies of Passover at the model *seder*, the goodies on Simhat Torah, the Book Fair during Jewish Book Month, the *gefilte* fish and *hallah* and grape juice for the *Kiddush* every Saturday morning. In the past the Parents Association has arranged many instructive and enjoyable programs and lecture series. It serves as liaison between the school and the parents. An interesting and informative program is on the planning board for this year.

Parents Association Committees

The New Year is under way with an enthusiastic group of active parents. The committees and chairmen of the Parents Association working with Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president, are: *Chairman of the Executive Board*

Mrs. Sam Deutsch

Program

Mrs. Louis Kaplan, *Chairman*

Mrs. Robert Altman

Mrs. Sam Deutsch

Mrs. Herman Helpern

Mrs. Jack Kurzweil

Mrs. Jack Oberman

Mrs. Rhea Ruttenberg

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer

If You Want An *Aliyah* —

If you are observing a special occasion which should be marked by an *aliyah* during the reading of the Torah at synagogue services, please make your request to the synagogue office at least a week or two beforehand. If you wait until you come to the synagogue on the Sabbath, hoping for an *aliyah*, it is sometimes impossible to rearrange the already prepared schedule of honors for the service to include a last-minute request.

Traditionally there are certain personal events that call for an *aliyah*: a wedding, for the bridegroom, or the father of the bride or groom; the birth of a child, for the father or grandfather, with a prayer for child and mother, and for naming the child if it is a girl; thankfulness for escape from danger or recovery from serious illness; the observance of the *yahrzeit* of the death of a family member. Other occasions also may be marked by an *aliyah*: a wedding anniversary, a "milestone" birthday, a Bar Mitzvah anniversary.

All that is necessary when you call or better yet, write the synagogue office to arrange for your *aliyah* is to tell us your name, the occasion and whether you are *Kohen*, *Levi* or *Israelite*. And, for the office records, whether you can chant the *Haftarah*.

Class Mothers

Mrs. Jack Oberman, *Chairman*

Mrs. Albert Cornell, *Co-Chairman*

Hospitality

Mrs. Irving Diamond, *Chairman*

Mrs. Franklin Bergman, *Co-Chairman*

Book Fair

Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, *Chairman*

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer

Publicity

Mrs. James Leff, *Chairman*

Decorations & Workshop

Mrs. Robert Altman, *Chairman*

U.P.T.A.

Mrs. Joseph Dell, *Delegate*

Gifts

Mrs. Emil Forster

Asian Leader To Address Sisterhood Tuesday, October 20

By MRS. DAVID ALTSCHUL

On Tuesday, October 20, Sisterhood will hold its Open Meeting in the Lemberg Auditorium. Prior to the meeting, which will begin at one o'clock, the Gift Shop will be open with its attractive and varied stock of merchandise.

As guest speaker, Sisterhood was fortunate to obtain an outstanding authority on Asia and the Middle East. Mr. Nirmal Chaudhuri is the correspondent for several Asian papers in addition to his accreditation as United Nations correspondent for news services that represent groups of daily newspapers in Malaya, Indonesia and India.

Mr. Chaudhuri will speak on "The UN and the World Today." As a former news broadcaster on international affairs and an on-the-scene observer of the international situation, Mr. Chaudhuri will undoubtedly bring us first-hand information that promises to provide Sisterhood with a very interesting and stimulating afternoon.

Don't forget the date — Tuesday, October 20.

Brunch and Matinee

Have you sent in your check to reserve your seat for the brunch and theater party on Wednesday, December 9? "Take Me Along," starring Walter Pidgeon and Jackie Gleason, is going to be one of the hit musical shows of the coming season, according to the out-of-town reviews. Don't miss it! Send your check *now* to Mrs. William Karmiol, Treasurer of Luncheon, 400 East 58 Street, New York 22, N. Y.

Music and Dance Classes At Hebrew Arts School

The Hebrew Arts School for Music and the Dance in New York City offers a curriculum combining Jewish and Hebrew material with the general literature of any music conservatory. Now in its eighth year, it has expanded its facilities and will conduct music and dance classes as well as private instrumental instruction on all instruments every afternoon of the week, between 3:30 and 7:00 p.m., in addition to Sunday morning classes. The school is located at the center for Hebrew Culture, 120 West 16th Street.

For registration information call WA 4-8650.

'My Book of Prayer'

It is not often that the School recommends a book to parents, but this unusual set of two books published by the United Synagogue Commission on Education is worthy of highest praise.

My Book of Prayer — Sabbaths and Weekdays and *My Book of Prayer — Holidays and Holy Days* were written by Hyman Chanover and Evelyn Zusman out of years of experience in teaching

Accent On Youth

IRV GOLDBERG, Youth Director

I feel privileged to have been called to serve as Youth Director for the Park Avenue Synagogue. Working with young people is a challenging, sometimes trying, but always exciting experience.

It offers an opportunity to assist young people select adequate goals, to witness maturing personalities unfold, and to share in the development of leadership qualities.

It requires of those who participate an understanding of youth's needs, an acceptance of youth's status, and the ability to exert positive influence without undue pressure.

To this end we have been engaged these last few weeks in assembling a staff of qualified professional leaders, of structuring a program of worthwhile activities and meeting all who are interested in taking part.

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Sylvia Cohen will once again offer courses in Arts and Crafts to the younger set. Mrs. Cohen has been exceptionally successful in this work. Her own skill and enthusiastic approach inspire the children to rich and rewarding creative experiences. Mrs. Cohen's classes meet on Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M.

Our program in scouting will continue as in the past under the able leadership of Mr. Bruce Turner for the boys, and Mrs. S. Simon for the girls.

Our Sunday program at this time envisions two major groups, Junior and Senior, engaging in a program of activities—social, cultural, religious and athletic.

The first of these Sunday group meetings will be held on October 25, from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. and will, appropriate to the occasion of Simhat Torah, include dancing, singing and refreshments.

We have plans to expand the program to include Israeli dancing, dramatics, and a culminating pageant.

School News

By MARTIN LEICHTLING

young children and participating with them in worship at home, in the classroom and at synagogue services.

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Both books are available in the Cohen Library. Either the set or single books may be purchased, at \$2.95 for each book, through the School office.

Other New Publications

Five new story books for the pre-school child have been published by the United Synagogue Commission in a new *Festival Series*. Written by Norma Simon, the books are: *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Our First Sukkah*, *Happy Purim Night* and *The Purim Party*.

They are hard cover books, with colorful illustrations, and list at 95 cents each. These belong in the library of books that you read to your child.

The *Festival Series* may be ordered through the School office.

Sisterhood Supports Jewish Federation

By MRS. MARVIN SPIEGEL

The 1959-60 Campaign to meet the needs of the 116 member agencies of Federation is on its way, and the Women's Division through our Sisterhood again comes to the Jewish community to ask for their support. Mrs. Marvin Spiegel is in charge of the volunteers for our group and she urges you to support this effort when you are called upon for your gift.

On October 20th, Sisterhood's Meeting day, a film will be shown describing one project performed at one of the Federation hospitals. Mrs. Henry March, will be our guest speaker. I hope you will all come to see and hear The Federation Story called "The Family In Crisis."

High School Department

A sound program of Jewish religious education cannot terminate with the Bar Mitzvah ceremony or with graduation from the elementary department. For it is during the high school years particularly, when the student begins to mature intellectually, that the Bible, the Jewish religion and Jewish history can be taught on the level of ideas and values. It is at this age, too, that young men and women begin to seek guiding principles for personal identification and commitment. For a mature understanding of Judaism and a lasting devotion to the Jewish way of life, a formal program of Jewish education during the high school years is indispensable.

The High School Extension Department of the Religious School offers three courses to students who attend a secondary school or high school in New York. Prior attendance at a religious school is *not* a requirement for admission. Students may enroll on Sunday morning, November 1, 1959.

The courses offered are:

10:30—11:30 "Ethics of the Fathers"—a study of the Rabbinic precepts which are the basis of our Jewish way of life.

Instructor: Mr. George Zeitlin.

11:30—12:30 "Basic Judaism"—a study of those beliefs, ideals, practices which make up the historic Jewish faith.

Instructor: Mr. George Zeitlin

10:30—11:30 Elementary Hebrew

11:30—12:30 Advanced—The scope of the Hebrew courses will be based upon the ability and the knowledge of the students.

Instructor: Mr. James Lewisohn.

Jewish Sculpture Garden

When The Jewish Museum at Fifth Avenue and 92 Street received "Procession," a group of four bronze figures by Elbert Weinberg, a garden was prepared as the setting. Thousands of visitors enjoyed it during this past summer.

The four figures carry a Torah, an open prayer book and a candelabrum.

"Procession" was presented to The Jewish Museum by a group of donors headed by Mrs. Albert A. List, who is, incidentally a Park Avenue Synagogue member.

Cocktail Reception, Sunday, October 25 To Launch Mr. and Mrs. Club

By LOUISE ABBOTT

Exciting plans have been announced by Dr. Leon Pordy, Chairman of the Cocktail Reception, which will be held on Sunday, October 25th from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the Lemberg Auditorium. Assisting Dr. Pordy as co-chairman is Mrs. Debbie Rotto. This will officially launch the Mr. and Mrs. Club's Membership Drive, and it is eagerly hoped that newly married members of the synagogue and the congregation's married couples will join us this season in our many endeavors.

The famous Israeli dancers, Zvi and Degan, of the Cafe Sabra will be a highlight of the affair, returning by "popular demand" after their delightful performance last year at a Mr. and Mrs. Club function.

The Mr. and Mrs. Club offers a highly diversified program for the coming year, encompassing the cultural, social, religious and spiritual aspects. To those couples who enjoy working as a "Team"—we invite you to join the Mr. and Mrs. Club—and, by all means, attend our Cocktail Reception so we may celebrate a happy Simhat Torah with you!

MRS. SEYMOUR WIMPFHEIMER

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Simultaneously she has been active in the Sisterhood as well. Having once served as vice president and chairman of the luncheon, she is now once again filling the office of vice president and is chairman of program.

Her synagogue activities proper have followed the lines of her interests. For the past ten years she has been a member of the School Board and was a member of the first Youth Activities committee which organized the program for teenagers in our congregation. She has served on the Adult Education Committee, the Planning Committee and the Building Committee, and at present she is chairman of the Library Committee and a member of the Advisory Council.

In May, 1958, together with Catholic and Protestant colleagues, she was awarded a citation by the Mayor of New York for "outstanding contribution to school and community." Her community

Conference On Social Action At Park Avenue Synagogue

A most important regional conference on social action will take place at the Park Avenue Synagogue on Wednesday, October 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until 3:30 p.m. The 6th Biennial Social Action Conference of the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America will attract delegates from Sisterhoods throughout the states of the Atlantic seaboard region.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will deliver the address at the morning session on "Dialogue Among Religious Groups on Social Action Issues." Describing the work of the Joint Commission on Social Action will be its director, Mr. Morris Laub. The Commission includes representatives of the United Synagogue of America, the Rabbinical Assembly and the National Women's League. Both Rabbi Nadich and Sidney R. Katz serve on this national commission.

After luncheon the delegates will be welcomed by Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, president of the Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue, and will hear an address on "Experiences in Inter-religious Relations" by Mr. Jules Cohen, coordinator of the National Community Relations Advisory Council. A panel discussion will follow on "The Dynamics of Social Action."

Women are cordially invited to attend the sessions of this conference.

activities have included the Parent-Teacher Association of the Ethical Culture Schools, the United Parent-Teacher Associations of Jewish Education and the National Council of Jewish Women. As a member of the Public Education Association she has recently completed a study and report on observation and teaching of curriculum in the first grade of public school.

Her husband is the first vice president of the congregation, and his family has been associated with the Park Avenue Synagogue for over half a century.

For her years of effective service cheerfully rendered in many areas of congregation activity, and especially for her fine leadership in religious education, youth activities and library, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer has been chosen as *Kalah Mafteret* for Simhat Torah, 5720.

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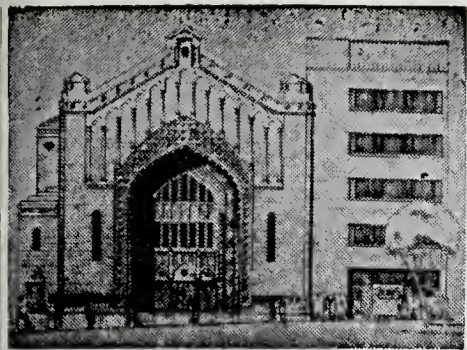
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Late Friday Evening Services Begin November 13, 8:30 P. M.

The Friday evening service season will begin on November 13 when, in observance of Jewish Book Month, Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on the new book by Herman Wouk entitled "This Is My God". This most recent work by the author of "The Caine Mutiny" and "Marjorie Morningstar" is an exposition by Mr. Wouk of Judaism as he sees it.

Attendance at synagogue services since the beginning of September has been most gratifying. That pews would be crowded during the High Holy Days is to be expected, but large numbers of worshippers have also attended services during the festival of Sukkot and on Sabbath mornings.

The beauty of the music at our services is known far and wide. The music is carefully planned and beautifully rendered by Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by our splendid synagogue choir with the very talented Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Family Worship

Now that the season of late Friday evening services is commencing, we hope that Park Avenue Synagogue members

and their families will make Friday evening synagogue night. Although Manhattan offers many alluring distractions, and social life makes its demands as well, it is pleasant to spend a quiet evening with the family at home. Yet there are seven evenings a week, and one of the seven may well be set aside for the purpose of family worship at the synagogue together with friends and neighbors. Regular opportunity for prayer and for identification with Judaism and the Jewish people will offer its own satisfactions and rewards.

Monthly Lectures

This year the Friday evening service season will present an opportunity for adult education in the form of monthly lectures and discussion periods. Under

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Sisterhood Sabbath

On Friday evening, November 20, Sisterhood will observe its annual Sisterhood Sabbath. You and your friends are cordially invited to attend this outstanding service.

Sisterhood is proud to present an eminent guest speaker that evening—Col. Shoshana Gershom, Women's Affairs Attache at the Embassy of Israel to the United States in Washington, D. C., who will speak on "Women in the Israeli Army."



COL. SHOSHANA GERSHOM

Col. Gershom has had a distinguished military career. A member of the Haganah since 1926, Miss Gershom joined the Palestine Women's Units of the British Army in 1942, serving with the rank of Subaltern (Lieutenant) after completing the Officers' Training School in Palestine. She saw service in Egypt and Italy. In Italy she helped to set up rehabilitation centers, schools and other facilities for Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution and concentration camps then streaming into Italy. She was demobilized in August, 1946, and returned to her work as a technical assistant to

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, November 6 5:45 P.M.

Saturday Morning, November 7 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Lawrence Feinberg

son of Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Feinberg

Friday Evening, November 13 8:30 P.M.

OPENING LATE FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Rabbi Nadich will speak on

"Portrait of a Faith"

An evaluation of Herman Wouk's new book,

This Is My God

Saturday Morning, November 14 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Stephen Andrew Siegel

son of Dr. and Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning

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Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg Named Bulletin Editor

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg as editor of the Park Avenue Synagogue BULLETIN.

In doing so, Mr. Katz said: "I can think of few responsibilities more appropriate than for the distinguished mantle, of the editorship of the BULLETIN to devolve upon Mrs. Ruttenberg. When her husband Nelson was with us, Rhea was his colleague, as well as his companion. This experience, combined with her own skill, will help us to continue the synagogue BULLETIN on the high standards to which it has been raised by her late husband, and our dear friend, Nelson Ruttenberg."

Simhat Torah Honors

The Park Avenue Synagogue, at its Simhat Torah services on Sunday morning, October 25, honored three leaders for their outstanding service rendered to the congregation and to the community.

For his dedicated service as a former treasurer of the synagogue and for his invaluable contribution towards the revision of the now prevailing dues system, Mr. George L. Armour was named Hatan Torah. Since 1953, Mr. Armour has been a member of the Board of Trustees and a member of various important committees. Mr. Arthur Jablow made the presentation to Mr. Armour.

To Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer went the distinguished honor of being named Kalah Mafteret. Mrs. Herman Helpert told of Vicki's many interests as chairman of the library committee, president of the Parents Association for five years, as well as chairman of program for Sisterhood.

Dr. Harry F. Wechsler, honorary president of the Yorkville Zionist District for

the past seventeen years, was chosen Hatan Bereshit. Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer pointed out that Dr. Wechsler had "blended a career of a distinguished physician and internist with devoted service to the Jewish people."

Following the service, a reception was held in the Lemberg Auditorium. The beautiful kiddush was planned and organized by the chairman, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president of the Parents Association. In charge of the artistic decorations and arrangements was Mrs. Abraham Stangel, whose talented creative ability is well known to members of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Those who assisted the chairmen so capably were: Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. Albert Cornell, Mrs. Samuel Deutsch, Mrs. Irving Diamond, Mrs. Emil Forster, Mrs. Louis Kaplan, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. James Leff, Mrs. Jack Oberman, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, Mrs. Albert Siegel, Mrs. Samuel Wick, Mr. Emil Forster and Mr. David Altschul.

—R. M. R.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

question of Social Action in terms of Judaism.

The Park Avenue Synagogue was represented by Rabbi Nadich who delivered the address to this gathering of delegates from many synagogues, and by Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, who welcomed the guests in behalf of Mrs. Irwin Rome, president of Sisterhood.

In this same area of activity, it was my pleasure last month to address the Sisterhood meeting of the thriving young congregation in Rockland county where the interest was centered on "How to deal with the problem of Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations in the public schools."

This controversial topic is one of great concern to the Conservative movement and particularly to its Commission on Social Action. Synagogues throughout the country have taken the position that Hanukkah should be celebrated at home and in the synagogue, and that the celebration of non-Jewish religious holidays in our public schools is not in any sense more palatable because the same public schools are prepared to compound their error by being willing also to celebrate Hanukkah in some manner.

This area of our community relations, however, is usually a very delicate and touchy one. Before any public or even private action is taken, one can surely be well advised to consult carefully with Jewish community organizations, as well as with the United Synagogue itself.

—Sidney R. Katz

Fri. Eve. Service

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the egis of our Adult Education Committee with Mr. Peter Miller as chairman, a speaker of note will address the congregation on one Friday evening each month. The service that evening will be brief, and then the congregation will adjourn to the Lemberg Auditorium where the lecture will be given, followed by an open discussion period and refreshments.

The first speaker in this adult education series will be Mr. Norman Cousins, the renowned editor of the *Saturday Review*. Personalities of similar stature are scheduled for succeeding months.

We look forward to welcoming the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue and their children regularly to the Friday evening services.

United Synagogue "Standards" Unacceptable To P.A.S.

For more than a year, a special committee of the Board of Trustees has been studying the relationship of our congregation to the United Synagogue of America, the national organization of Conservative congregations. As its initial task, the committee took under consideration the Standards for Synagogue Practice which had been enacted in 1957 by the United Synagogue of America about which some members of the Board had expressed serious misgivings.

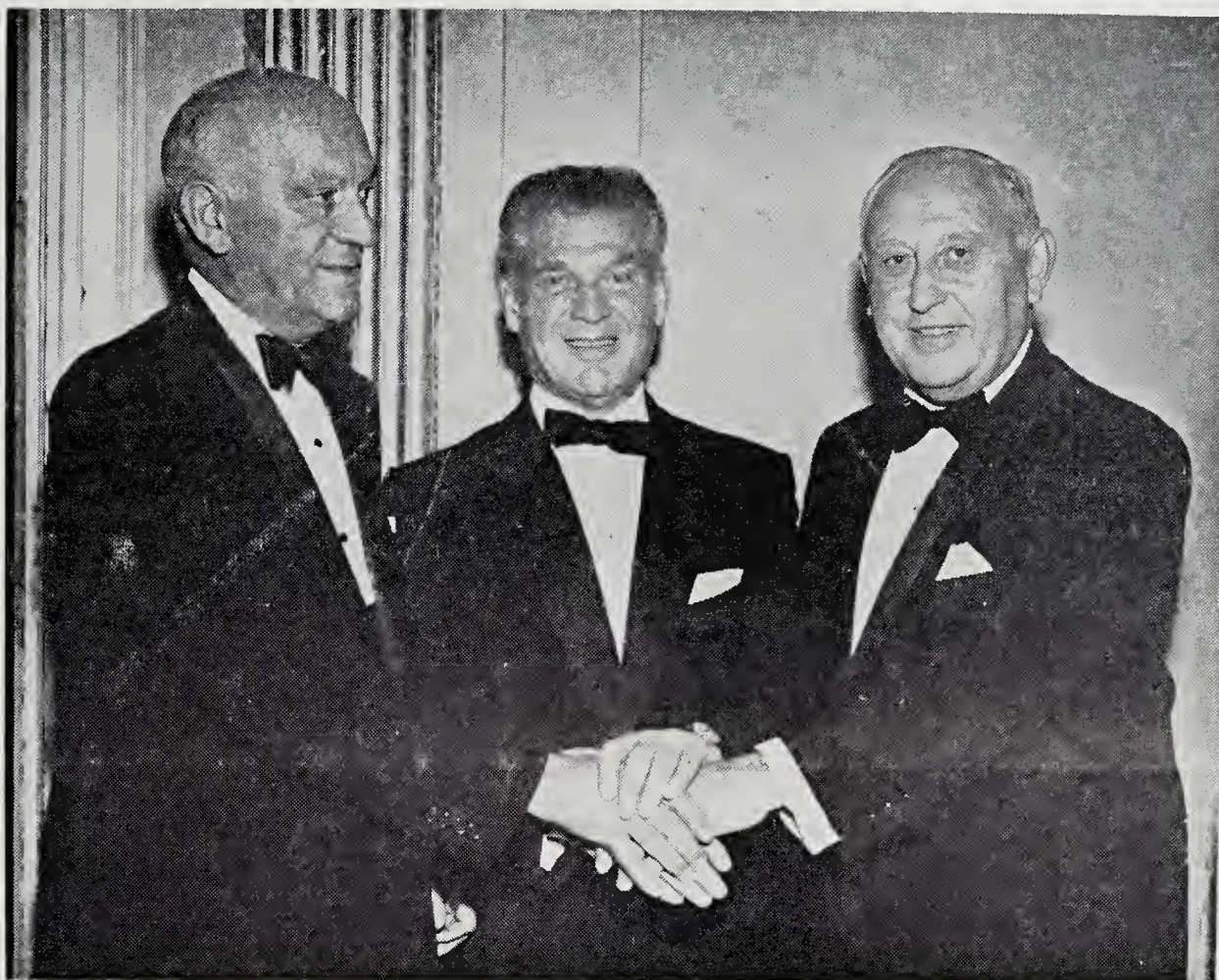
At several open meetings of the committee, there was a detailed and spirited discussion. None of the participants raised any objection to the principle of the adoption of "standards" in the sense of suggested guides for the behavior of member congregations. The various provisions dealing with matters of ritual were all found by the Ritual Committee of our synagogue to be in accordance with our practices and thus were acceptable.

Specific Articles Discussed

The discussion thereafter revolved around three major sections: (1) Article VIII which sets up procedures for the enforcement of the Standards, (2) Article VII, Section 2, which sets up procedures for the hiring of rabbi, cantor, teachers and other congregational personnel, and (3) Article I which seeks to define the relationship of the United Synagogue of America and the individual congregation to the Committee on Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

"Standards" Fully Debated

The matter of these standards was fully discussed at several meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Board unanimously concluded that it was opposed to Article VIII which appeared to contemplate the possibility of coercive action against individual congregations not conforming to some particular standard. The Board considered that the standards should merely be guides for synagogue behavior and that enforcement should be a matter of democratic persuasion only. The Board was divided in its understanding of the purport of Articles VIII and I referred to above. Our committee was then authorized to seek the repeal of Article VIII, and the



Leaders At Israel Bond Dinner

Two distinguished leaders of the Park Avenue Synagogue acted as co-chairmen at this year's opening New York rally for State of Israel bonds. At the left is Mr. Milton Weill, honorary trustee, and at the right Samuel Lemberg, member of our Board of Trustees. Both Mr. Weill and Mr. Lemberg were co-chairmen of the dinner in honor of Ira Guilden, who is pictured in the center. Mr. Guilden's son is a student at the Park Avenue Synagogue Religious School.

clarification or revision of Article I and Article VII.

Representatives of the Board of Trustees then appeared before a committee and sub-committee of the Committee on Standards of the United Synagogue of America with the purpose of making known our views and seeking their interpretation of the meaning of the standards. These meetings were frank and cordial, but it became clear that there were sharp differences of approach which could not be resolved by minor language changes.

Coercion Opposed by P.A.S.

With respect to Article VIII, the sub-committee of the United Synagogue Committee on Standards, with whom we conferred, indicated that it was their belief that it had been incorporated for the purpose of enforcing the standards. The sub-committee feels that such coercive power is essential and they propose to use this coercive power in a proper case, if it becomes necessary. At the first meeting of our representatives with the full Committee, there was under dis-

cussion the possibility of invoking Article VIII against a congregation flagrantly violating one of the standards. The Committee and sub-committee were not impressed by our arguments that the standards should serve merely as guides to proper behavior.

Type of Placement Questioned

Article VII, section 2, of these standards prohibits congregations from soliciting staff members of another congregation. It further provides that congregations should contact the proper placement agencies of the Conservative Movement to fill open positions. Many of our Board members did feel that this provision, properly interpreted, forbade the undesirable practice of inducing breach of contract, but left congregations otherwise free to act if the placement agencies could not or would not fill the needs of the congregation with a suitable replacement. The members of the sub-committee of the Committee on Standards, however, reject this interpretation. In its view, congregations may at no time ap-

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Accent On Youth

Youth Activities—1960 Model—went on display Sunday, October 25. The small package psychology is definitely out of order for this group, as the first wall-bulging meeting demonstrated.

After a brief orientation by Mr. Irving Goldberg, youth director, Jerry Goodman spoke on the meaning of Simhat Torah as the completion of the reading of the Torah and the renewal of the cycle once again. Sylvia Levinson, our Youth leader, Joan Feigelson, in charge of the Folk Dance Group and Marty Cooper-smith, our season's gate-greeter were introduced. Dave Alberts and Jeff Mehlman brought greetings from the Senior Group. The culmination of the meeting was a spirited Israeli folk dance led by Miss Feigelson. From there on, Bob Achoff took charge of the revelry in good WINS style.

We have noticed that whenever a work detail is needed for our groups, there are certain "winter soldiers" upon whom we can always depend. Never seeking publicity nor the limelight of holding office, they are nevertheless always available to do the job. Especially helpful in these days of getting under way have been Dave Alberts and Joan Helpert. Working with them were Bob Achoff, Irene Schnelling, Lisa Kaufman and Adrienne Aster. Orchids, too, to Donny Bachman for his conscientious pursuit of the mail and refreshment chores, and to Jeri Rosner and Renee Diamond for their assistance.

Regional Meeting of U.S.Y.

We are very proud to host a meeting of the Lower Hudson Valley region of the United Synagogue Youth on Sunday, the first of November.

—Irving Goldberg

United Synagogue "Standards" Unacceptable To P.A.S.

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proach a member of the staff of any other congregation. All communications are to be by and through the placement agency, and congregations are never released at any time to take individual action to protect themselves should the need arise.

The Committee on Standards was not impressed by our argument that this Article, as thus interpreted, has vested absolute power in the placement agencies in substance to select the staff for a congregation.

Rabbinical Assembly Binds Synagogues

Article I of the Standards declares that the United Synagogue of America recognizes as its authority on Jewish Law, the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. The Article further provides that the rabbi of a congregation shall act as the interpreter of the decisions of such a Committee. Many of our Board members felt that these provisions merely formalized the right of an individual rabbi to consult with this committee should he be unable to answer any par-

ticular question of Jewish Law. This, likewise, is not the interpretation of the Committee on Standards. In its view, if the 21-man committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly of America unanimously announced a decision on Jewish Law and Standards, this decision becomes binding upon every congregation by virtue of Article I. No rabbi, therefore, is free to interpret the decision in such a manner as to make it inapplicable to his congregation. This will also apply to many Conservative rabbis who are not members of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. Several individual members of the Committee on Standards of the United Synagogue of America stated that they thought there was some merit to our objection that Article I raised the spectre of the establishment of a centralized ecclesiastical authority in the Conservative Movement.

Repeal or Revision Advocated

The sub-committee on Standards expressed the view that the objections raised by our Board of Trustees probably could not be placed upon the

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Professor Saul Adler at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Immediately after the first Arab attacks on Jews in Palestine, within days of the U. N. Partition resolution, Col. Gershom was attached to Haganah Headquarters and was put in charge of the mobilization of women in Jerusalem. When the State of Israel was established on May 14, the staff for the future Israel women's forces was ready to receive the first women recruits.

From 1950 to 1951, Miss Gershom served as Commander of the Girls' Units of Nahal (Fighting and Pioneering Youth branch of the Israel Army) and in 1951 was appointed Commander of the Women's Corps of the Israel Defense Forces.

Participating in the services will be Mrs. Herman Helpert, Mrs. Judah Nadich, Mrs. Abel Phillips, Mrs. David Putterman, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Mrs. Jacob Starr, and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the services.

—Ethel B. Altschul

agenda for the November Convention of the United Synagogue of America. It was their position that the matter had been placed before them at a relatively late date and that, in the interests of orderly procedure, this matter could be discussed at the 1961 Convention. Thereafter, at a subsequent meeting, our Board of Trustees, after full discussion, unanimously concluded that the Standards for Synagogue Practice, as now interpreted by the Committee on Standards of the United Synagogue, are not acceptable to us. The Board has authorized its representatives to take all steps necessary to secure the repeal, revision and clarification of the standards. It is hoped that all of the constituent congregations affiliated with the United Synagogue of America will again re-examine the present Standards.

The Committee on Conservative Judaism of the Park Avenue Synagogue consists of Israel B. Oseas, as chairman, Joseph E. Cohen, Dr. Selig Ginsburg, Howard Kieval, Mrs. Rita Sander, Harold R. Starkman, as well as the undersigned.

—Asa D. Sokolow

Doctors' Seminar Opens With Large Attendance

The first session of the Doctors' Seminar took place on Wednesday evening, October 21, with over fifty doctors in attendance. The doctors, all members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, included men and women in various branches of the healing professions—general practice, research scientists, practitioners in various fields of specialization, surgeons, psychiatrists, dentists and oral surgeons.

Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, vice-president of the congregation, and chairman of the committee appointed by Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the members of the seminar and introduced the lecturer for the series, Rabbi Judah Nadich.

In his opening lecture, Rabbi Nadich explained the purpose of the seminar. Like that of the successful Judges', and Lawyers' Seminar of last season, it is to be primarily a study of Jewish classical sources related to a specific subject in order to gain some insight into the nature and character of historic Judaism. Rabbi Nadich discussed the attitude of historic Judaism in reference to the body, to illness and disease, and to medicine and healing. Each doctor present was provided with a folder containing relevant text material. The texts examined were taken from the Bible, Talmud, Midrash, Maimonides', commentary on the Mishnah and the Yoreh Deah. A discussion period followed the lecture, and afterwards a collation was served. The reaction of those present was most enthusiastic.

Next Session November 11

The next session will take place, as originally scheduled, on Wednesday evening, November 11 at 8:30 p.m. The doctors of the congregation who were unable to be present at the opening meeting are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of this unusual seminar. Any who have not previously registered for the seminar should call or write the synagogue office before November 11.

At the November 11 session, Rabbi Nadich will discuss the attitude of Judaism toward the conflict between religious law and the requirements of healing, the attitude of Judaism toward the physician, and a survey of his position among Jews during the Biblical, Talmudic and post-Talmudic periods. The lecture will also include a presentation of the attitude of Jewish law to transfusions, skin and bone grafting, and to lobotomy.

Your Child and You Seminar

"Your Child and You" is the intriguing title of a special seminar for parents now being given in the Milton Steinberg House on six consecutive Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m., under the sponsorship of the Committee on Adult Education.

The seminar is conducted by Rabbi Samuel Schafner, editor of "The Synagogue School" and Assistant Director of the United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education. Rabbi Schafner conducted the popular course on "The Living Talmud" held last year at the Synagogue. He is qualified not only as a leading professional educator, but as the father of five young children.

At the first meeting held on Sunday morning, November 1, Rabbi Schafner led a lively discussion on the theme "To Be or Not to Be—The Psychology of Belonging."

The five remaining sessions will deal with such provocative themes as "Teaching your Child about God", "Teaching your Child about Right and Wrong", "The Over-Privileged Child", "When your Child Meets with Prejudice", and "Cracking the Sound Barrier". These discussions will take place on the following dates: November 8, November 15, November 22, November 29 and December 6.

All parents, prospective parents and grandparents are cordially invited to join these Sunday morning discussions and to bring their friends. There is no admission nor registration fee. The series promises to be not only instructive, but enjoyable as well.

—Peter Miller

Interfaith Neighbors

The Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue is one of several community organizations, which has given not only its endorsement and support to Interfaith Neighbors, but its contribution from the Sisterhood treasury. Three members of our Sisterhood, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, and Mrs. Edward Peiper, as well as the president of Sisterhood, Mrs. Irwin Rome, now serve on the Interfaith Neighbors Board.

Interfaith Neighbors, working for the prevention of juvenile delinquency, will hold its annual meeting at the Community House of Congregation Emanuel, 1 East 65 Street, Tuesday, November 10, 1959 at 2:30 P.M. All are cordially invited to attend this meeting and tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Club Cocktail Party

The Mr. and Mrs. Club held a cocktail party on Sunday, October 25, which was, indeed, a happy celebration of the Simhat Torah Festival. Numerous members of the congregation attended, as well as prospective members of the Club.

A delightful program included the presentation of famous Israeli dances by Zvi and Degon, who were hailed by all as extremely fine performers. The success of the party was due in a large measure to the capable efforts of Dr. Leon Pordy, chairman, and Mrs. Daniel Rotto, co-chairman, as well as to the husbands and wives of the Mr. and Mrs. Club.

Many more social events and many interesting meetings are being planned for the Club members. On Tuesday, December 1, a round table discussion of Synagogue life will take place, in which several religious and secular leaders of the Synagogue will take part.

—Louise Abott

Our Beautiful Sukkah

Under the capable leadership of the indefatigable Irma Heller, a committee of the Sisterhood spent two days in preparing fresh fruits and vegetables for our beautiful SUKKAH. Again this year, the Temple Menorahs and the window ledges, as well as the Bimah of the Appleman Chapel, glowed with the vivid colors of the harvest season. Cranberries, corn, squash and pumpkins mingled with the greens and fresh cut boughs, hung so artistically by Mr. David Bielefeld, were reminiscent of the horns of plenty and the Festival of Booths of ancient days.

From stringing cranberries to wiring peppers, every able hand was needed, and the response was most heartwarming. Mrs. Heller acknowledges, with grateful appreciation for their diligence and loyalty in serving as hostesses and helpers, the following:

Rose Bernstein, Ruth Bukantz, Lillian Bennet, Bess Bronstein, Miriam Forster, Hilda Davidson, Pearl Epstein, Fan Greenstein, Fannie Grater, Belle Green, Helen Hahn, Lillian Helpert, Ruth Kurzweil, Elsie Lane, Bebe Levey, Gladys Meer, Mattie Neivert, Letty Osserman, Doris Rome, Dina Rosenbusch, Florence Spiegel, Winnie Siegel, Ann Starr, Gussie Winkelman, Ann Wolff.

—Pearl Epstein

Religious School News

"How does your Religious School grow?" . . . To paraphrase an old nursery rhyme we answer "with fine young men and fine young women" who are continuing to grow as leaders in the American Jewish community.

We point with pride to some of our recent graduates from our High School and our Student-Teacher Program.

Ellen Wimpfheimer of William Smith College is teaching a Grade Two Sunday School class in Geneva. Jackie Finkel is doing the same in Syracuse where she recently led the Junior Congregation in High Holy Day Services. Stephen Stowe, who conducts a news broadcast on the local radio station, found time to sound the Shofar at the University of Buffalo High Holy Day services. John Stangel enjoyed the services at Cornell, but missed the "beauty and warmth of the service at Park Avenue". Jeri Rosner (Music and Art), Frana Mills (Hunter) and Leona Giat (Hunter) are continuing their study of Hebrew. The first two are also serving as student-teachers in our Primary Department. Geraldine Klein, last year's student teacher, is majoring in education at Boston University. Stanley Kurzweil and Susan Carr, confirmands of June 1959, are enrolled at Herzliah Hebrew School.

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High School Extension

This department offers courses to students who attend a secondary school or high school in New York. Prior attendance at a religious school is *not* a requirement for admission. Students may enroll on Sunday morning in the School Office for the following courses: Ethics of the Fathers, Basic Judaism and Elementary and Intermediate Hebrew.

Bar Mitzvah

The Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah dates have been scheduled for all of our students who will be thirteen during the year beginning with September 1960 and going through July 1961. A majority of the candidates for Bar Mitzvah will have completed four years of study in the Hebrew Department before Bar Mitzvah. Some will have had five years, but all will have had a minimum of three years of education.

The increase in the number of Bar Mitzvahs and Bat Mitzvahs has made necessary the scheduling of two Bar Mitzvahs for a number of Sabbaths. Parents whose child's thirteenth birthday

Open Meeting of Parents Association November 18

The open meeting of the Parents Association will be held on Wednesday, November 18, at 8:30 P.M. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Mrs. Louis Kaplan, chairman of program, has arranged a very stimulating panel discussion. Mr. Leichtling will moderate the discussion with the teachers of the Religious School on the "Role of the Religious School in the Life of Your Child". The discussion will be directed toward the methods, curriculum and goals of the school, as well as a discussion of the questions: "Why school on Saturday?" and "How do we celebrate the holidays?" Parents will be afforded an opportunity to meet their children's teachers. There will be a collation served in the Sisterhood Lounge.

SIMHAT TORAH

In celebration of the special Simhat Torah service, Saturday, October 24, the Parents Association arranged for the distribution of flags and candy to the children. Mrs. Jack Oberman and Mrs. Albert Cornell, chairmen, were assisted by Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. Irving Diamond, Mrs. Louis Kaplan, and Mrs. Nathan Somberg.

"NEW MOTHERS" LUNCHEON ENJOYED BY ALL

The luncheon, held by the Parents Association on October 27, for mothers new to the Religious School, was an instructive and stimulating as well as an

falls between September 1960 and August 1, 1961 and who have not been advised of the Bar Mitzvah date should call the School Office immediately.

Election Day

On Tuesday, November 3, the Religious School will conduct no classes.

Veterans Day

On Wednesday, November 11, the Religious School will conduct no classes, but the Faculty will hold its Annual Teachers' Workshop with the faculties of Ansche Chesed, B'nai Jeshurun and The Society for the Advancement of Judaism.

The morning session will be devoted to the theme: "Teaching the Jewish Community in the Religious School". In the afternoon, Mr. Harry Coopersmith, of the Jewish Education Committee, will speak on "Music in the Curriculum."

—Martin Leichtling

enjoyable event. Rabbi Nadich, Hazzan Puiterman, Mr. Martin Leichtling, and Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president of the Parents Association, greeted the parents. Those who were present came away with the feeling that the work of group was a labor of love, creating additional areas of interest between the parents, their children and the Synagogue.

The Parents Association expresses its appreciation to Mrs. Emil Forster, chairman, for her efforts in making the luncheon such a successful affair. She and her capable committee arranged a delicious luncheon and an inspiring program.

The Book Fair, sponsored by the Parents Association and held each year during Jewish Book Month, will open Sunday, November 15, and continue through November 16, 17, 18, 19, and 22. On Sunday, November 15, and on November 22, the Fair will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During the week, the hours will be in the afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, chairman of the Book Fair Committee, will be aided by Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer. On hand to assist will also be Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. Joseph Dell, Mrs. Sam Deutsch, Mrs. Louis Kaplan, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mrs. Jack Oberman, Mrs. Abraham Stangel and Mrs. Samuel Wick.

—Miriam Leff

Meeting of Parents of Bar Mitzvah Boys With Rabbi

Parents of boys who will be Bar Mitzvah during the next several months, and of girls who will be Bat Mitzvah during the same period, will meet with Rabbi Nadich on Sunday morning, November 15, at 11:30.

If they desire, parents may attend the seminar with Rabbi Samuel Schafler the same morning at 10:15, and immediately upon its conclusion spend the next hour with Rabbi Nadich discussing various aspects of the Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah observances.

Books At A Glance

By HILDE KISCH, *Librarian*

Since the re-opening of the Library, we have received a constant flow of new books. Here is a small selection of these new acquisitions:

Yael Dayan, *New Face in the Mirror*.

A novel written by the daughter of General Moshe Dayan, former Commander-in-Chief of the Israeli army. Miss Dayan's experiences during her military service in Israel provide the material for the book which has caused much controversy.

Meyer Levin, *Eva*.

This is the story of a Jewish girl who escaped from the Nazi terror in occupied Poland and in Germany by maintaining a double identity.

Herman Wouk, *This Is My God*.

This book presents the author's personal statement of faith and his interpretation of the nature and meaning of such institutions in Judaism as the Sabbath, the festivals, the synagogue, dietary laws, etc. He also gives a broad survey of Jewish history, modern movements in Judaism, and his views on Israel.

Isaiah Berlin, *Chaim Weizmann*.

Here we have an excellent appraisal of the first president of Israel by a professor at the University of Oxford.

Abba Eban, *The Tide of Nationalism*.

The former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations tries to clarify the factors behind the crisis in the Middle East. He demonstrates why "the natural condition of Arab history and destiny lies in the existence of separate states, not of one monolithic union."

Anne Frank, *The Works of Anne Frank*.

This book contains, in addition to the already published diary, personal reminiscences, essays, stories, and recollections of school, as well as of her early life in Amsterdam.

Avraham Yaari, *The Goodly Heritage*.

Memoirs describing the life of the Jewish community of Eretz Yisrael from the 17th to the 20th century. The book is an adaptation of the author's original Hebrew version in *Zikhronot Eretz Yisrael*.

Jacob Klein Honored by Mayor

Recently, our own Jacob Klein, president of the Park Avenue Synagogue, was singularly honored by being appointed by Mayor Robert F. Wagner to serve on the City of New York Committee for the 1960 Olympic games.

This committee will sponsor participation in winter sports at Squaw Valley and summer games at Rome. These games serve to unite, in friendly competition, athletes from around the world, each eager to uphold the honor of the country he represents.

Congratulations, Jake, for this recognition of the fine service you render to any committee to which you are appointed!

—R. M. R.

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Medical Meeting Involves P.A.S. Members

Several members of the Park Avenue Synagogue took an active part in the Eleventh Annual Scientific Assembly of the New York State Academy of General Practice that took place recently in New York City.

Dr. Joseph A. Pincus, president of the New York County Academy of General Practice, served as the chairman of the Scientific Program Committee, and Dr. Stanley H. Greenwald was chairman of the Scientific Exhibits Committee. Rabbi Judah Nadich gave the invocation at the opening of the General Assembly.

Lectures and Courses at Theodor Herzl Institute

From the Ulpan Center of The Theodor Herzl Institute comes a schedule of lectures and courses conducted under the supervision of Dr. Mordecai Kamrat, founder of the Ulpan System in Israel, and Consultant to the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency for Israel in New York.

All sessions will be conducted at the Theodor Herzl Institute, 250 West 57 Street, New York City. There will be a fee of \$30.00 per semester. The first session of the class begins on Monday and Tuesday, November 9 and 10. The semester ends January 28, 1960. For those interested in Hebrew courses, expertly taught, this should be of great interest.

ULPANIOT (Intensive Courses)

1. BEGINNERS HEBREW

Mornings: Mondays and Wednesdays
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Evenings: Mondays and Wednesdays
7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

2. INTERMEDIATE HEBREW

Mornings: Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Evenings: Tuesdays and Thursdays
7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

3. ADVANCED HEBREW

Evenings: Mondays and Wednesdays
7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Lecture Series At Theodor Herzl Institute

On Mondays at eleven a.m. from November 9 to December 14, four workshop session will take place on *Experiences in Israeli Living*. They are as follows:

Nov. 23—Your Israeli Crafts

Nov. 30—Music from Israel

Dec. 7—Stories of Israeli life

Dec. 14—Making it Live!

Beginning on Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. January 27, Dr. Eliezer Kirzner, Rabbi of the "Sons of Judah" congregation in Brooklyn, will give twelve lectures on *Talmud for All*, an introduction to the Talmud, its essence and its systems.

Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund Contributors

As the deadline for the current synagogue BULLETIN draws near, the list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg continues to grow.

Inadvertently omitted from the list of contributors in the last issue were Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow and Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

The latest contributors are: Mr. and Mrs. Z. Harry Altmann, Mr. and Mrs. Lester R. Bachner, Dr. and Mrs. Abram Blau, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Boorstein, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Isidore M. Cohen, Mrs. Sanford Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Dubin, Mr. L. Chester Glaser, Dr. and Mrs. William Karmiol, Mrs. Hildegard Kisch, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Lubin, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Meistrich, Mr. and Mrs. David J. Mendelsohn, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mittenthal, Mr. and Mrs. David Picket, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Siegel, Dr. and Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Silberman, Mr. and Mrs. Asa D. Sokolow, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Stangel, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Starr, Mrs. Milton Steinhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Thurman, Col. and Mrs. Irvin Waldman, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Weill, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Zahler.

The members of the Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund Committee are Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman, Mrs. Herman Helpen and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Delegates Named To United Synagogue Convention

The Park Avenue Synagogue is sending a large delegation to the forthcoming convention of the United Synagogue of America, which is held biennially. The convention is scheduled to begin at the Concord Hotel on Sunday, November 15, and continue through Thursday, November 19.

The delegates named by Joseph Howard Katz, Chairman of the Board, are: Saul Godwin, Joseph Howard Katz, Sidney R. Katz, Jacob Klein, Israel B. Oseas, Benjamin Sack, Milton M. Sivek, Asa D. Sokolow and Archie Thurman.

Congratulations

Dr. Herbert Felner upon his marriage, November 1, to Miss Elaine Rhoda Levine

Dr. and Mrs. Milton Helpen—engagement of their daughter, Susan Ellen, to Paul Nettler.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cohen—birth of a daughter, Hollis Martha

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Flachs—the birth of a son, Roy Carey

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum—birth of a granddaughter, Eve Karen Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Morris D. Stolz—birth of a son, Richard Alan

Condolences

Mr. Julian Jacobs — upon the death of his sister, Mrs. Sofi Weiss

Mrs. David Picket — upon the death of her father, Louis Gattlieb

Mrs. Sarah Picket — upon the death of her brother, Louis Gattlieb

Mrs. Samuel Swersky—upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Anna Elson

Dr. Joseph G. Druss—upon the death of his brother William Druss

Sisterhood's Open Meeting

On Tuesday, November 17, Sisterhood will hold an open meeting in the Lemberg Auditorium. This meeting will begin at 12:30 with a dessert luncheon.

Commemorating Jewish Book Month, Mrs. Judah Nadich will review the current best seller: *For 2c Plain* by Harry Golden. Those of you who were privileged to hear Mrs. Nadich's previous book reviews know what a treat is in store. For those who have not, this is a rare experience not to be missed.

Time is growing short for those who have not yet purchased their tickets for Sisterhood's brunch and theatre party to be held on Wednesday, December 9. Few tickets remain for the smash hit, "Take Me Along", so we suggest that you send your check in now to Mrs. William Karmiol, Treasurer of Luncheon, 400 East 58 St., New York 22. Since the show will start at 2 p.m., brunch will be served at 11:00 to allow everyone enough time to enjoy the program of the day and to get to the theatre without rushing.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Daily Chapel Service Begins November 16

The daily chapel service will begin this year on Monday, November 16, at 5:45 p.m. in the Appleman Chapel.

Last year, for the first time in the history of the Park Avenue Synagogue, services took place each day in the chapel, from their commencement in the fall until the beginning of the summer vacation period. The responsibility for these services last year was accepted by the Men's Club under the dynamic, inspired leadership of its committee chairman, Mr. L. Chester Glaser, who again this year will assume the chairmanship.

At the Kol Nidre service, a large number of people pledged their attendance at this daily chapel service at least one specific day a month. It was gratifying that so many responded to this appeal, and we feel certain that they will honor their commitment.

The daily chapel service is conducted by laymen. It begins promptly at 5:45 p.m. and takes approximately a half hour or less, ending with an inspirational reading. It provides the opportunity for men and women in the community and in the neighborhood to join their fellow Jews for prayer at the end of the business day. This service, of course, is available to all those who wish to recite the Mourners' *Kaddish* upon the actual day of Yahrzeit or during their period of mourning.

Services are held each day of the week including Saturday and Sunday (with the exception of Friday, when services take place in the synagogue at 8:30 p.m.).

Whether or not members of the congregation have pledged attendance at the chapel service, their attendance any day is most heartily welcomed.

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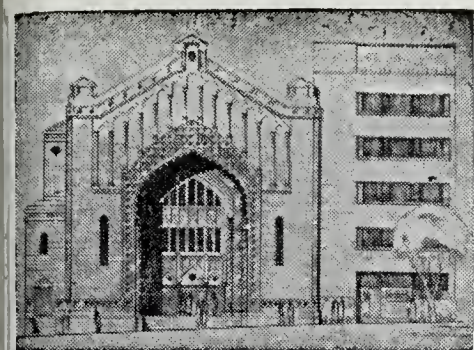
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Judge Joseph M. Proskauer Guest Speaker At Friday Evening Service, November 27

On Friday evening, November 27, 1959, Judge Joseph M. Proskauer will inaugurate the series of monthly lectures, sponsored by the Committee on Adult Education, to be given by distinguished guest speakers in the Lemberg Auditorium. His lecture will follow immediately upon the close of the regular Friday evening service commencing at 8:30 p.m. Judge Proskauer's topic will be "Criteria for Jewish Conduct."

Judge Proskauer has long been a leader in the arena of political struggle, in the courts, in the fight for tolerance of all races and creeds, in the effort to shape a just and workable World Organization, in the field of philanthropy and other public services.

He has served as president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New
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JUDGE JOSEPH M. PROSKAUER

Minyan Project Resumes Daily Evening Services

The daily evening Chapel service was suspended for the summer after successfully completing a sustained daily service of eight and a half consecutive months. The service resumed on November 16 in the Appleman Chapel of the Milton Steinberg House, and it was determined that the daily service should be a permanent feature at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

The service conducted in the Chapel is dignified and inspiring, and attendance brings personal satisfaction of varied facets. In this regard, we add the pertinent and eloquent words of our beloved Rabbi Nadich taken from an article in one of last year's BULLETINS:

"Many who have attended the daily evening Chapel service have commented about the meaningfulness of this religious experience in being able to spend a few minutes at the close of the business day in meditation and prayer. The brief service ends each day with a different thought-provoking inspirational reading, which has also elicited much favorable comment.

"May I strongly urge those of you who have not as yet attended the daily Chapel service to give yourselves the opportunity. You may discover that this brief period of prayer and contemplation, coming at the end of a busy and tension-laden day at the office or business, will serve to clear away the cobwebs in the mind, to lift the spirit and to gather inner reinvigoration and refreshment.

"It may well be that life's purposes, issues and values may be seen in a clearer light and we may learn also to develop a sense of mystery, awe and wonder that will lend appreciation for the many blessings we enjoy and make our living more meaningful."

Although the Minyan project is under the sponsorship of the Men's Club, it is
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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, November 20 8:30 P.M.

SISTERHOOD SABBATH

Colonel Shoshana Gershom

Attaché, Embassy of Israel

will speak on

"Women in the Army of Israel"

Oneg Shabbat tea following the service

Saturday Morning, November 21 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Emanuel Gemski

son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gemski

Friday Evening, November 27 8:30 P.M.

The Honorable Joseph M. Proskauer

will speak on

"Criteria for Jewish Conduct"

Oneg Shabbat Tea and Discussion

Saturday Morning, November 28 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Paul Turner

son of Mrs. Manuel Miller and Mr. Joel Turner

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Some three weeks after the High Holy Days, the mail brought a very interesting contribution to the Park Avenue Synagogue, in the form of a \$250 check.

This came to us as a gift from a mid-western Jewish community leader who had found himself stranded in New York just before Yom Kippur, and who evidently remembered the synagogue where only a year ago his nephew had been married.

It so happens that in connection with that wedding, we had made special arrangements to have the ceremony transmitted by wire directly to the groom's home town, because one of the important guests was too ill to attend.

When this mid-westerner called the synagogue and requested seating accommodations, we acted merely with normal hospitality and made a seat available to him. As it developed, his business arrangements suddenly changed, and he was able to fly home. Just before he did so, he called to thank us for our offer, and to wish us a happy New Year.

Stranger yet, the same circumstances were repeated by a member of an out-of-town State Legislature, related to one of our congregants. Although he had requested and had obtained a seat, he, too, found that a change of plans made the seat unnecessary. Nevertheless, he also sent a generous contribution to the Park Avenue Synagogue.

When we make seating available to out-of-towners, we always welcome them and never make the giving of a contribution a condition. These situations were most extraordinary because the seats were not used, yet the reciprocation was most generous.

— Sidney R. Katz

Rabbi Milton Steinberg's 10th Yahrzeit To Be Commemorated Friday Evening, March 18

An Advance Announcement

Congregants who have been members of the Park Avenue Synagogue for many years will note with special interest that on this coming March 18, 1960, we shall memorialize in a special service the 10th Yahrzeit of Rabbi Milton Steinberg of blessed memory.

Of course, not only for us at our synagogue, but for all Jews who are interested in religion and in the Jewish people as well as for all citizens who are interested in humanity, the occasion of Rabbi Steinberg's death represented a great personal tragedy.

Our Friday evening service on March 18 will be a Park Avenue Synagogue "family" event. Our speakers will include several of our members: Hon. Bernard Botein, who was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for five years during Rabbi Steinberg's service to our congregation; Hon. Simon H. Rifkind, who, as a congregant and a former member of our Board of Trustees, knew Rabbi Steinberg and knew him well; and Mr. Arthur A. Cohen, now publisher and author who was then a pupil of Rabbi Steinberg. Our honorary trustee, Mr. Milton Weill, will chair the program.

Hazzan David J. Putterman will sing selected passages which his friend and colleague particularly used to admire. A special musical composition written for this occasion by a young composer recommended to Hazzan Putterman by Leonard Bernstein will be performed for the first time and will be sung in memory of Rabbi Steinberg.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will conduct the service and will read some selected passages from Rabbi Steinberg's writings, particularly from the new posthumous book, "The Anatomy of a Faith", to be published on March 21, 1960.

Knowing that many of our congregants plan their engagements far ahead, I therefore ask all of you, including those who have joined our synagogue during the past ten years and who may not have been blessed by knowing Rabbi Steinberg personally, to mark your calendar for Friday evening, March 18, as an occasion for all collectively to pay tribute to one of the great souls of our time.

Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Your Child and You

On Sunday morning, November 22, 1959 from 10:15-11:15 at the Park Avenue Synagogue, Rabbi Samuel Schafner, editor of "The Synagogue School" and assistant educational director of the United Synagogue of America, will discuss the provocative subject, *The Overprivileged Child* and the effects of our affluent society upon him.

The topic, *When Your Child Meets Prejudice* will be fully examined by Rabbi Schafner in the session to be held on Sunday morning, November 29. This should be invaluable to parents in helping their child when prejudice confronts him.

Although the program has been planned especially for parents of children who attend the Religious School, all members of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend.

Fri. Eve. Service

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York, president of the American Jewish Committee, and president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of New York.

A former Justice of the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, Judge Proskauer has also been the president of the New York County Lawyers Association and a vice president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York Phi Beta Kappa Alumni.

In 1950, he published an autobiography entitled "A Segment of My Times", a commentary on the men and events encountered by him in his long and useful career.

Judge Proskauer's message will be an important one, deserving the attention of every member of the congregation.

— Peter Miller

Religious School News

Know Your Child's Books

Through the years, the Religious School has tried to inculcate in its students a love for and an appreciation of Jewish books. To encourage the child to build his own library of Jewish books, the school has adopted the policy that students must buy their texts at the beginning of each school year.

The Annual Book Fair, sponsored by the Parents Association, has done more than its share to bring into the home a number of books of Jewish interest. Most of these books have been read and re-read and now find an honored place among the treasured book-friends of our children.

Educators have recognized the significant role played by the parent in the development of the child's reading habits. May we suggest that parents acquaint themselves with the Jewish text books that are being read by the students this year.

Your child's history book will afford a number of subjects that will interest you and may even be worthy of discussion at the family dinner table. Look at the Hebrew text and, although your own knowledge of Hebrew may be limited, you will be thrilled by the cursory translation of the story that your young scholar may give you.

The parent who expresses an interest in the books and the studies of his children will give added status to the Religious School. Our teachers will find it easier to achieve those educational goals that have been set for our children by the parents and the United Synagogue Commission on Education.

Buy A Book

At a recent open meeting of the Parents Association, a *Suggested List of Books for the Jewish Home*, prepared by Rabbi Judah Nadich, was distributed to all parents. Do you own a copy of the books on the list? We hope that you will agree with us that now is the time to build a basic Jewish Library Shelf for your home. If you have lost your copy of the Bible, we suggest that you phone the school office and order a new copy of the Jewish Publication Society translation of the Bible.

Thanksgiving Day

The Religious School will conduct no class on Thursday, November 26, 1959. Regular classes will be held on Saturday, November 28 and on Sunday, November 29.

—Martin Leichtling

New "Y" Building To Be Named for Milton Weill

One of the new Jewish community centers planned for construction in New York City in the near future is to be named in honor of Milton Weill, long-time leader of the Park Avenue Synagogue and now an honorary trustee.

This announcement was made at a recent function tendered by Col. Harry D. Henshel and Mr. J. M. Kaplan in honor of Mr. Weill's sixty-eighth birthday. A model of the new YMHA-YWHA to be erected on Manhattan's east side was unveiled. The hope was expressed that the building would be finished in time for the dedication to take place in honor of Mr. Weill's seventieth birthday.

The speakers who paid tribute to Mr. Weill, past president of Federation and of the 92nd Street Y, included the Honorable Bernard Botein, the Honorable Lazarus Joseph, The Honorable Joseph M. Proskauer, Mr. Harry Hershfield and Mr. Al Kelly. Mr. Norman Goetz presided, and Rabbi Judah Nadich offered the prayer. Mr. Weill responded with the sincerity and modesty characteristic of him.

Park Avenue Synagogue rejoices in this latest honor bestowed upon one of its leaders.

Have You a Recording of Rabbi Steinberg's Voice?

The Park Avenue Synagogue is very eager to obtain recordings of Rabbi Milton Steinberg's voice in connection with his tenth Yahrzeit.

If you have such a recording, the synagogue will reproduce it and return the original safely to you.

We shall appreciate very much receiving any information which would be of help. Please phone Mrs. Hilde Kisch, librarian, (Enright 9-2600) during the following hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
2:45 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

At all other times, please contact Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg at the above phone number.

In recent years, the Cohen Library has acquired recordings of many synagogue events, bar mitzvahs and various services. We shall be happy to add any of your recordings on synagogue events to our library collection.

Jewish Book Month

Jewish Book Month, sponsored annually by the Jewish Book Council of America as a means of stimulating interest in Jewish books, will be observed from November 20 to December 20. Surveying the literary production of the past year, one can say that indeed much has been added to our Jewish spiritual treasure and heritage. A rich harvest of books has been spread before the reading public in America and in Israel.

Excellent information on all publications during 1958-1959 is provided by the *Jewish Book Annual* (Vol. 17), published by the Jewish Book Council of America. A seventy-five page bibliographical section, expertly annotated by competent librarians, offers excellent surveys of American Jewish non-fiction, fiction, and juvenile books; publications in the Hebrew and Yiddish languages in America; and Anglo-Jewish and Israeli books.

In addition, the volume contains articles on such timely topics as the new books on the Dead Sea Scrolls, the State of Israel, Hassidic influences in English literature, and Yiddish books in Latin America. There is, furthermore, a survey of "Jewish Literary Anniversaries", chronologically listing the events and enumerating alphabetically the personalities whose anniversaries occur during this time.

The Annual is an excellent guide for anyone interested in Jewish literature and is a fine introduction to Jewish Book Month. This volume as well as many books listed and briefly reviewed therein are available at the Cohen Library.

— Hilde Kisch

Librarian

CALENDAR OF CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1959—8:30 p.m.
Men's Club Meeting—TV producer,
Himan Brown, guest speaker

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1959—8:30 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Club Round Table Discussion on Synagogue Life

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1959—11 a.m.
Sisterhood Brunch—Theater Party

Sunday, Dec. 27, 1959—8:30 p.m.
Hanukkah Party

Sisterhood Brunch Theatre Party

Come along with Sisterhood on Wednesday, December 9 to see the new musical hit, *Take Me Along*, starring Jackie Gleason, Walter Pidgeon and Eileen Herlie.

Take Me Along, a musical adaptation of Eugene O'Neill's "Ah Wilderness", has received rave notices out of town and excellent reviews from the New York drama critics. It combines the present convention of looking with nostalgia toward the past with genuine feeling and a gay, warm mood. Oona White's imaginative ballets and Bob Merrill's fine songs add to the distinction of the show.

This hit show is a "must" for you to see. There are not many tickets left and time is growing short, so if you have not already done so, send in your check now to Mrs. William Karmiol, treasurer of Luncheon, 400 East 58 Street, New York 22, to make certain that a seat will be reserved for you. You will also be eligible to win the grand prize of a week's trip to Puerto Rico for two.

Please remember that the program is scheduled to begin with brunch at the Astor at 11 o'clock to allow for your arrival at the theater in plenty of time.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Mr. and Mrs. Club Discussion on Dec. 1 Of Synagogue Life

A most interesting program is planned for Tuesday, the first of December at 8:30 p.m. when the Mr. and Mrs. Club will hold a *Round Table Symposium on Synagogue Life*.

Leading the discussion will be Rabbi Judah Nadich, joined by Hazzan David J. Putterman, Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sidney Katz, executive director of the Park Avenue Synagogue and Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School. Each will present his own role in the religious and secular aspects of synagogue life. A question and answer period will follow the discussion which should prove of interest to all who attend.

To those couples who were present at the Mr. and Mrs. Cocktail Party recently, the club extends a cordial invitation to attend this as well as future meetings. Those who have not yet joined will also be very welcome.

— Louise Abott

Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund Contributors

As the deadline for the current synagogue BULLETIN draws near, the list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg continues to grow.

The latest contributors are: Mr. and Mrs. David Altschul, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Armour, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennet, Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell Gelfand, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Helpen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Richman and Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Sivek.

The members of the Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund Committee are Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman, Mrs. Herman Helpen and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Mrs. Louis Grossman Heads Night of Stars

Mrs. Louis Grossman, affectionately known to members of the Park Avenue Synagogue as Hattie, has been named chairman of the twenty-sixth annual *Night of Stars* to be held Monday, November 23, 1959 at the Madison Square Garden for the United Jewish Appeal.

Night of Stars will include hundreds of stars of stage, screen and TV, and promises this year to be more magnificent than ever.

Accent on Youth

We are very happy to bring to the attention of our Youth Group members and their parents that a Pilgrimage to Israel is being planned this summer by the National Youth Commission of the United Synagogue of America.

Teen-agers, both girls and boys, between the ages of fifteen and eighteen who are members of our Youth Groups, are eligible to make application.

Rabbi Nadich has conveyed his endorsement of this program and his willingness to discuss the tour with interested parties. Please direct all inquiries through the Youth Office, and I will be pleased to expedite them personally.

The 1960 Pilgrimage is limited to 120 places in all, so that reservation forms must be registered by the absolute deadline date of December 1, 1959.

— Irv Goldberg

Dec. 9 Final Session Of Doctors Seminar

The second meeting of the Doctors Seminar took place in the I. M. Cohen Library on Wednesday evening, November 11. Rabbi Nadich discussed the attitude of Judaism toward the importance of life, and the resolution of conflict between religious law and the necessity for the saving of life.

He surveyed the position of the physician in Judaism during Biblical, Talmudic and post-Talmudic periods. The subjects of transfusions, grafting and lobotomy were discussed as illustrations of the attitude of Jewish law toward healing and saving of life.

The next, and final, session in this series will take place on Wednesday evening, December 9, and the doctors of our congregation are cordially invited to attend even though some may have found it impossible to be present at the first two meetings.

In addition to the presentation of the lecture and the study of the selected texts, conducted by Rabbi Nadich, there is a discussion period during the serving of the collation.

Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, first vice-president of the congregation, is chairman of the Doctors Seminar committee which also includes Doctors Abram Blau, Milton Helpen, Abraham Oppenheim and Harold A. Osserman.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bernstein upon the birth of two grandchildren: Neal to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bernstein—Steven to Mr. and Mrs. David Fuchs

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halbren — birth of a grandson, Thomas David Frank

Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris Rosenblum — birth of a grandson, Michael J.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ochs and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peiper upon the birth of a granddaughter, Carol Ellen. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ochs Jr. are the happy parents

Condolences

Mr. Emile Wolf—upon the death of his wife, Irene Wolf

Men's Club to Hear TV/Radio Producer

Himan Brown, one of the nation's top radio and TV producers for many years, will be the guest speaker at the November 24 meeting of the Men's Club to be held at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. Mr. Brown will no doubt give an expert's inside viewpoint of the current TV quiz scandals.

Among the top TV shows which our guest speaker has produced were the *Du Pont Show of the Month* and Phil Silver's *Sgt. Ernie Bilko*. Among his radio productions were *The Inner Sanctum*, *The Thin Man*, *Bulldog Drummond* and *Nero Wolfe*.

Having begun his career in radio as an actor, Mr. Brown soon changed to directing and producing. Today he owns one of the largest motion picture studios in the East. He is also the producer and director of the one hour daily N.B.C. Radio Theatre.

Mr. Brown has many communal interests. He is chairman of TV, radio and motion picture activities for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and is also a member of the Archives Committee of B'nai B'rith and a consultant to the Anti-Defamation League.

The program for this meeting also includes a salute to the new members of the Men's Club. A collation will be served under the supervision of Julian Jacobs and Jack Boorstein.

Unfortunately, ladies are not invited on this occasion.

Israeli Night

We would be amiss if we did not note that more than five hundred jammed the Lemberg Auditorium on the occasion of the Men's Club *Israeli Night* meeting held on October 27. This was truly one of the most auspicious events in the history of the Men's Club.

After an invocation delivered by Hon. Maxwell Shapiro, the audience saw a beautiful film entitled *The Wilderness of Zin*, depicting the history and future of the Negev, and heard a discussion of Israel's problems by the Hon. Simcha Pratt, Israeli Consul General in New York.

The delightful Israeli trio, *Oranim Zabor*, entertained the audience with charming songs and dances.

The Men's Club expresses its appreciation to David Altschul and to Charles Bennet, chairman of the meeting, for their efforts in making the meeting so successful.

— Harvey Glasser

Appleman Chapel Sculptured Ark Doors



Calvin Albert, Chapel Sculptor, Exhibits in New York

Calvin Albert, well known sculptor, who designed the ark doors and the candelabra which have received such high praise from those who visit the Appleman Chapel in the Milton Steinberg House, will have an exhibition of his work at the Stable Gallery, 924 Seventh Avenue (near 58th Street). The exhibit will run from November 17 to December 12, 1959, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Dr. Sapirstein Heads New Psychiatric Unit

One of the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, Dr. Milton R. Sapirstein, staff neurologist and psychiatrist at Mount Sinai Hospital, has recently been put in charge of developing and directing a new unit, the Division of Organization Psychiatry.

Recognizing the impact of mental health on relations in business, Joseph E. Seagram and Sons have contracted with this unit at Mount Sinai Hospital to provide psychiatric services to emotionally disturbed employees. The division, under Dr. Sapirstein, has two principal functions. One is to provide psychiatric help to corporate employees; the other is to conduct research on a variety of psychiatric problems as they affect industry and the health of workers.

First American Nationwide Bible Contest

The first nationwide American Bible Contest will take place May, 1960. All schools and youth organizations that wish to enter the contest are invited to submit their applications immediately to the American Bible Contest Committee, 16 East 66 Street, New York 21, N. Y.

For students who have a command of the Hebrew language, the contest will be conducted in Hebrew. A separate contest in English will be offered for those who have little or no command of the Hebrew. The contest will test broad knowledge of the Bible as well as detailed knowledge of specific sections. A free trip to Israel and other valuable prizes will be awarded at the end of the contest.

College Addresses Wanted

In anticipation of our annual College Cocktail Party on Tuesday, December 29, and the College Homecoming Sabbath service on Friday evening, January 1, it is important that our mailing list of college students be up to date. Therefore we earnestly request parents of young men and women who are studying at college or graduate school this year to fill out the form below and return it to Irv Goldberg at the synagogue, 50 East 87 Street.

This information is especially needed for this year's freshmen, and parents of college students who have not been on our lists previously should fill out and return the form. Our synagogue BULLETIN is mailed to out-of-town students so it is important that we have their current addresses.

Name of
Student

College or
Graduate School

..... Class.....

School
Address

Home
Address

Home Telephone No.

Minyan Project

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the sacred and holy obligation of synagogue membership to sustain daily service, so that members of our synagogue, as well as bereaved strangers, can attend our house of worship when they have need to recite the traditional Kaddish, or observe a Yahrzeit for their departed loved ones.

Obviously, it is a concern to be shared on a synagogue membership participation level, and we urge every congregant to make it a point to attend at least one evening service during each month of the year. Those who are unable to come during the week can do so on either Saturday evening or Sunday evening. Service commences 5:45 p.m. and concludes by 6:15 p.m.

— L. Chester Glaser

Eternal Light Series

The series of TV programs, known as the *Eternal Light*, began on Sunday, November 1, and will continue through Sunday, December 20, 1959.

A Visit to the World of Sholom Aleichem, based on conversation between two distinguished men of letters, Mark Van Doren and Maurice Samuel, and taken from the writings of Sholom Aleichem, will be heard on N.B.C. TV 1:30-2:00 p.m. on November 22, 1959.

A drama about the struggle for religious freedom in the time of Peter Stuyvesant, will be given on the same TV station on November 29. This will be entitled, *A Friend and Peter Stuyvesant*.

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Archie Thurman Leads Service at United Synagogue Convention

The convention of the United Synagogue of America, held at the Concord Hotel from November 15 through November 19, was attended by many delegates from the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Among those honored was our own Archie Thurman, chairman of the Ritual Committee. Mr. Thurman led the convention in the Shaharit Service which took place in the convention synagogue on the evening of November 15.

Dr. Albert Cornell Honored

Dr. Albert Cornell, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, was recently honored by his alma mater, College of William and Mary, by being invited to participate in the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Cooper Union for Advancement of Science and Art.

The Cooper Union, now entering its second century with an exploration into new values in science, art and society, holds great promise to American youth in terms of their own changing world.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service

5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

Milton Steinberg House

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the Men's Club

Dr. J. Hirsch Delivers Talk On Effect of Fall-out

A member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, Dr. Jules Hirsch, internist and assistant professor at the Rockefeller Institute, recently delivered an enlightening talk on "Biological and Genetic Effects of Fall-out."

Dr. Hirsch was the guest speaker at a meeting of a four-part seminar on the *Nature of Nuclear Warfare*.

This seminar, sponsored by ministers and rabbis of Bergen county, in conjunction with the Englewood Area Committee for a *Sane Nuclear Policy*, took place at the Calvary Methodist Church in Dumont, New Jersey.

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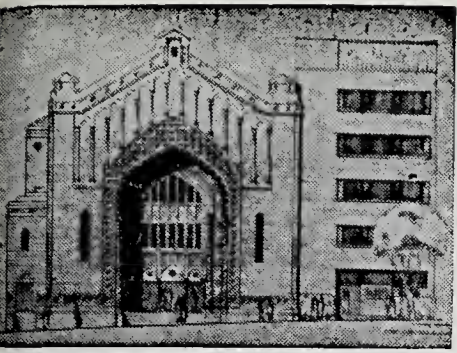
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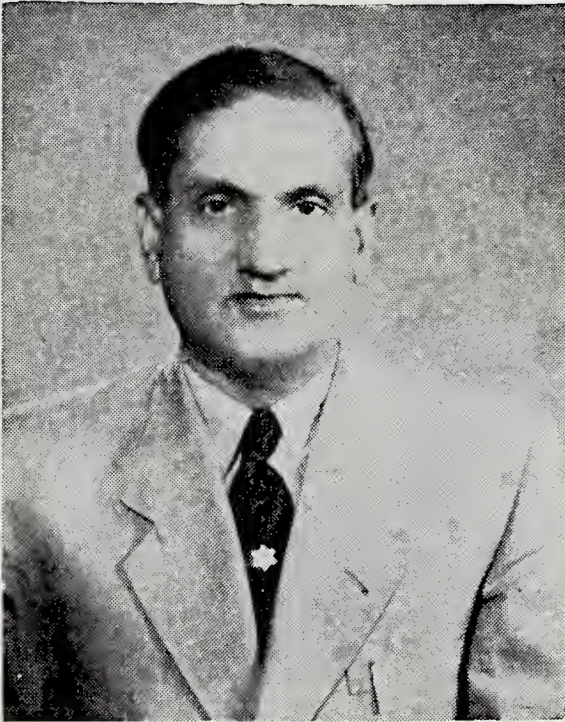
Future Pulpit Series on Great Jewish Personalities

During this season of Friday evening services, Rabbi Nadich will deliver a series of three lectures on great Jewish personalities whose anniversaries occur during 1959-60, the series to be entitled "Lovers of Their People". The first in the series will be given on Friday evening, December 11, when Rabbi Nadich will speak on the fascinating Hasidic leader, "Levi Yitzhok of Berdichev—Defender of Israel". This year will mark the 150th anniversary of his death.

The second lecture, in January, will be devoted to "Bialik—Poet Laureate of Israel", the 25th anniversary of whose death falls this year.

In February, the subject of the lecture will be "Rabbenu Gershom—Legislator of Israel", the 1,000th anniversary of whose birth will occur in 1960.

Hon. Baruch B. Benjamin of New Delhi, India Speaker at Men's Club Friday Evening Service



BARUCH B. BENJAMIN

The Hon. Baruch B. Benjamin of New Delhi, India, the Under Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of India, will be the guest speaker at the Men's Club Sabbath Service Friday evening, December 4, at 8:30 p.m. His topic will be "The Jewish Community in India."

Mr. Benjamin, who is visiting the United States as a delegate to the 1959 World Council of Synagogues Convention, is the president of the Jewish Welfare Association of New Delhi, India.

Mr. Benjamin has been responsible for the publication of the first religious periodical ever published for the Bene Israel of India. Under his leadership, all the Bene Israel congregations have formed a United Synagogue of India patterned after the United Synagogue of America. The United Synagogue of India represents the only overall religious coordinating body of the Jewish Community of India.

As the representative of the 2,000 year old Bene Israel community of India, Mr. Benjamin officially affiliated the United Synagogue of India to the new World Council of Synagogues which came into being November 16 during last month's convention of the United Synagogue of America. The World Council of Synagogues is an organization of Conservative congregations in various countries of North and South America, Asia, Europe and Africa.

In the discussion following the service, Mr. Baruch will answer questions including those on the present differences between China and India.

Under the guidance of Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, the following members of the Men's Club will participate in the religious portion of the service: Charles Bennet, Dr. Herbert Felner, Nat B. Gerber, Edward Kaye, Lawrence A. Myers, Archie Richman and Col. Irvin Waldman.

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, December 48:30 P.M.

MEN'S CLUB SABBATH
HON. BARUCH B. BENJAMIN
Undersecretary of the Ministry of
Commerce and Industry of India
will speak on

"The Jewish Community of India"
Oneg Shabbat tea will follow the service

Saturday Morning, December 59:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Scott Miller
son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller
and of Kenneth Shorenstein
son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Shorenstein

Friday Evening, December 118:30 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"Levi Yitzhok of Berdichev—Defender of Israel"
first in a series of three monthly lectures on
"Lovers of Their People"

Saturday Morning, December 129:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Paul Katz
son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Katz
Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning

*The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich
and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ*

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The Rabbi's Corner

Dear Friends:

There are three matters of great importance that I should like to call to your attention. First is the daily service that takes place each evening at 5:45 in the Appleman Chapel.

Daily MINYAN Pledges

I was very much gratified by the splendid response from so many of you on Kol Nidre night, to my request that you pledge yourselves to regular attendance at least once a month. A goodly number of men and women made this pledge, and they will be receiving periodic reminders about it from Mr. L. Chester Glaser, the chairman of the Men's Club committee in charge of the service. I am certain you will derive great satisfaction from attending the service, and honoring your pledge.

In addition, Mr. Glaser has recently sent letters to a number of our members who live in the immediate vicinity of the synagogue, inviting their cooperation in this important project. He has been pleased by the response, and I am certain more of you will reply soon. One person can make a difference in the matter of a daily *minyan*, and it may very well depend on you.

We are most anxious to establish this service as a permanent daily event, a service to fulfil the needs of those who wish to say *kaddish* for a loved one during the period of mourning or on the day of *yahrzeit*, and also to provide an opportunity each day of the week for a brief half hour of prayer offering spiritual refreshment and stimulation. We count upon the understanding and the ready support of our members.

Increased Attendance at Religious School

I am happy to tell you that our school population is growing, that our children start their religious education at an earlier age and that they are staying with us longer.

One of the results of these glad tidings is reflected in the fact that we must now begin to schedule the Bar Mitzvah ceremonies of two boys at a single Sabbath morning service, and the Bat Mitzvah of two girls similarly. This will not be true each Sabbath, and we shall endeavor, as much as possible, to spread these services over the course of the year. Already, however, we have scheduled such services for the next two years, and we know that on a number of Saturday mornings there will have to be a doubling of these happy occasions.

In many synagogues throughout the country two and even three Bar Mitzvahs on a single Sabbath are the norm. That we also now are compelled to have two together should give us a deep sense of satisfaction because it reflects the blessing of a Jewish education for an increasing number of boys and girls. It spells the vitality and vigor of our synagogue and community, and it augurs well for the future of Judaism.

On such Sabbath mornings, when doubling will be necessary, there will be no diminution in either dignity, honor or meaningfulness. We hope the parents will lend their understanding.

Hanukkah begins Dec. 25

Finally, just a brief reminder that Hanukkah is coming. The date this year will be from the evening of Friday, December 25, when the first Hanukkah candle will be kindled before dark, through Saturday, January 2.

This reminder may be in order so that you will be forewarned about purchasing the Hanukkah gifts you plan to give to the children and other members of the family, and so that you will be able to plan for any Hanukkah party you may wish to give.

It is not too soon, therefore, for me to wish you all a very happy Hanukkah!

— Judah Nadich

World Over, a magazine for boys and girls, recently published a poem written by Patty Fane, age eight, a pupil in the Primary Department of the Religious School.

ONE GOD

God is not a person,
Or moon, or stars, or sun.
God is the good in the world.
And He is only One.

God is not a person,
He's not a great big king.
God is the good in the world.
And He made everything.

Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Launches 1959-1960 Campaign

Again this year, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies has launched its campaign for funds to maintain the 116 vitally essential medical and welfare agencies which serve 738,000 people annually in our city.

The theme for the Women's Division of Federation for 1959-1960 is "The Family in Crisis." Now more than ever, with public institutions so over-crowded and with public service concerned with problems of financial assistance, a heavy responsibility falls on the voluntary agencies.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Norman Tishman, Federation once again will officially begin its Person-to-Person Campaign on Monday, December 7, at the Hotel Astor at 10:30 a.m. Over 1500 delegates from communal organizations are expected to pay tribute to the Honorable Justine Wise Polier for a quarter of a century of achievement and service in our community. Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman, conference chairman, appeals to all Jewish women's groups to participate in this conference and to add their experience and ideas to those of Federation's leaders in working out an approach to its major problems. Registration fee, including lunch, will be three dollars.

Chairman of the Telathon is Mrs. Edward Peiper, who is in charge of organizing an intensive telephone campaign for Person-to-Person canvassers. Volunteers for this important phase of Federation's work will be very welcome.

Mrs. Harry J. Sokolow is chairman of Manhattan organizations; Mrs. Marvin Spiegel is chairman of the Federation appeal for the Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue, and Mrs. Paul Bercu is Sisterhood's representative for the Person-to-Person drive.

— R.M.R.

Friday Evening Service

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Chairman of arrangements for the Men's Club Service is Mr. Charles Benet. At the conclusion of the services, members of the Men's Club will be hosts at an Oneg Shabbat in honor of the occasion. Jack Boorstein and Julian Jacobs head the hospitality committee which will take charge of the collation.

— Harvey Glasser

Park Avenue Synagogue Salutes New Members

On Sunday, November 22, 1959, the officers, trustees and advisory council of the Park Avenue Synagogue held a reception and cocktail party for members who have recently joined the synagogue.

The Lemberg Auditorium, charmingly decorated, was the scene of hospitality and comrade-ship as many new members were welcomed and introduced by the hostesses of the afternoon. Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan and Mrs. David J. Puterman and Cantor Abraham Friedman were present to extend cordial greetings. Mr. Sidney R. Katz, our executive director, and Mrs. Katz, Mr. Martin Leichtlin, principal of the Religious School, and Mrs. Leichtling, Mr. Irving Goldberg, youth director, and Mrs. Goldberg were on hand to make our guests feel at home.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, expressed his delight at meeting so many new congregants. He said that our families now number 791—the largest membership in the history of the synagogue. Mr. Katz paid tribute to Mrs. Jacob Starr, chairman of this superb party. He then called on Rabbi Nadich, who greeted the guests.

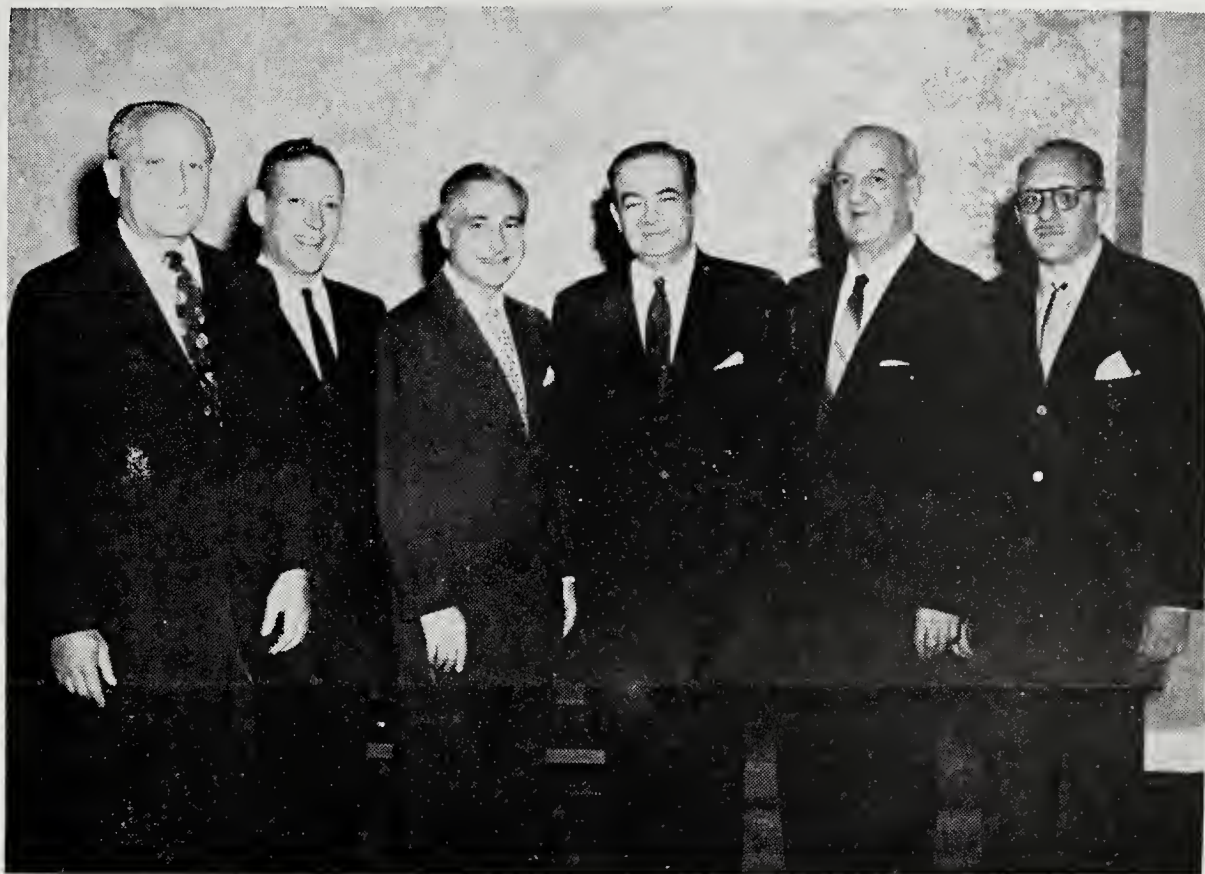
Rabbi Nadich invited the new congregants to participate in all synagogue events, social functions and in the activities of the various organizations. He urged them to make their association with the synagogue not merely a formal affiliation but one of warm interest.

Chairman of the reception was Mrs. Jacob Starr, whose talent for planning beautiful parties is well known to all members. Assisting her were: Mrs. Herman Helpert, Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz, Mrs. Jacob Klein, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Mr. Harry Dubin and Mr. Fred Schaefer.

Happy is the house that shelters a friend, said Emerson. The Park Avenue Synagogue is indeed happy to "shelter" all its new friends and to extend to each and every one a hearty welcome. We hope that their association with the Park Avenue Synagogue will be inspiring and fruitful.

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Convention Delegates Report on "Standards"



Delegates to United Synagogue Convention

From left to right: Archie Thurman, Asa D. Sokolow, Joseph Howard Katz, Sidney R. Katz, Saul Godwin and Milton M. Sivek. (Not shown in the photo: Reuben R. Kaufman, who was also a delegate.)

The Biennial Convention of the United Synagogue of America was held on November 15-19, 1959. Our Synagogue was represented by the largest delegation in our history. One of the objectives of our delegation was to make known to the constituent synagogues the opposition of the Park Avenue Synagogue to the Standards for Synagogue Practice adopted at the 1957 convention, as now interpreted. The unanimous position of our Board of Trustees on this matter was set forth in the BULLETIN article of November 4, 1959.

Refusal to Submit Objections

The Committee on Standards of the United Synagogue had refused our request to place our objections on the convention agenda, stating that there would not be enough time to advise member synagogues of the proposed discussion. However, several weeks after it was "too late" to consider our suggestions, the same Committee on Standards circulated still additional proposed Standards—this time attempting to regulate individual synagogues in their relationships with synagogue administrators and educators. The Committee on Standards further proposed to have their codes adopted at the convention, but at the same time refused to submit to the convention our

prior objections to the existing standards. Our delegation took steps to prevent this undemocratic attempt to impose further rules and disciplines upon member congregations.

Read by Joseph Howard Katz

Mr. I. B. Oseas, chairman of our Committee on Conservative Judaism, prepared an address setting forth the basic principles upon which our synagogue proposed to resist any attempt to change the character of the United Synagogue. Mr. Oseas could not attend the meeting so his address was read to the delegates by Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of our Board of Trustees. Our delegation also distributed to the other delegates copies of the address and also of the BULLETIN issue of November 4 referred to above. The speech of Mr. Oseas is printed in this BULLETIN.

A lengthy afternoon session had been scheduled for the matter of discussing the New Standards. Unfortunately, those in control of the convention machinery arranged matters so that lengthy addresses were made by various representatives of the United Synagogue leaving only twenty minutes for discussions by the several hundred lay delegates present. The Chairman of the meeting further

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United Synagogue Compulsory Standards Challenged By Park Avenue Synagogue Delegates at Convention

The following address was read recently at the United Synagogue of America Convention by Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue, in behalf of Mr. I. B. Oseas, who was unable to attend.

Mr. Oseas is chairman of the Park Avenue Synagogue committee on Conservative Judaism and a member of our Board of Trustees. Well known in the national circles of Conservative Judaism, Mr. Oseas has served as vice-president of the United Synagogue of America and is at the present time a member of the National Executive Council of the United Synagogue of America.



ISRAEL B. OSEAS

Two proposed Codes of Practice, one for Principals and Educational Directors, the other for Synagogue Administrators are on the agenda of this convention. Since this paper is being written in advance of the meeting of the Executive Council on November 15, I do not know whether they will be presented to this Convention for adoption. I hope they will not be. The proposal of these codes raises fundamental issues of principle which require an examination by all members of the United Synagogue.

Entirely apart from the substantive merits of the Codes, they should not be adopted. My objection to them would be the same even if I approved all their substantive provisions—and I do not. These objections may be summarized as follows:

1. Inadequate time has been allowed for consideration of the proposed codes.

These codes were first sent to synagogues by letter dated October 9th—less than six weeks ago. It should be apparent that notice so brief does not permit the study of the Codes by synagogue committees, preparation of reports to boards of trustees, consideration by the boards and instructions to delegates. I am sure that many, if not most of the delegates here present, will be seeing them for the first time at this Convention.

Codes Contradictory

2. The language of the codes is not clear, and is in some respects self-contradictory. Let me take a few examples from the first page of the Educator's Code.

This code is headed "Suggested Code

of Practice Educators Assembly of the United Synagogue of America."

a. What is the meaning of the heading? If this is a United Synagogue Code, why is Educators Assembly in the heading? Does the Code apply only to members of this body?

b. The first two paragraphs of the Code appear to be contradictory. The first paragraph describes the Code as a set of rules and regulations. This language is appropriate for binding rules. The second paragraph, however, expresses the hope that the Code will "help to standardize procedures and conditions of employment." This language is appropriate for a list of recommendations but not for a set of rules and regulations. If these are rules that must be followed, procedures and conditions of employment are standardized by virtue of the Code and synagogues must obey them.

c. Principal and Educational Director are defined as "professional personnel who consider Jewish Education their major life calling and for whom Jewish education is their major occupation." This is a remarkable definition. It substitutes a subjective test for a job description. The first half of the definition is wholly subjective. The work must be "the major life calling" of the principal. What of a principal to whom this work is not his major life calling? Does this mean the Code does not apply to him? Or is he disqualified as a principal? I do not have to seek far for an example. In my own synagogue, the post of principal is held by a high school teacher. Tested by duration of employment, time

required for each job, and income, his work for the synagogue is probably not his major occupation. I doubt that it ever occurred to those who interviewed him for his post to ask him whether he intended to make Jewish education his major life calling. If it is not, what is the effect on us and him of the Code?

These three examples are taken from the first page of one code. They should be sufficient to show that this Code requires much working over before it is ready for a vote.

Improper Subject for Convention

3. The subject matter of these codes is not properly the subject of United Synagogue regulation.

The Educators Assembly and the National Association of Synagogue Administrators may properly have a dual aspect. They are professional organizations. But that does not exclude their being concerned with the status of their members as employees of member synagogues. This latter concern could properly be expressed in a formulation by each of these bodies of the kind before us. Such a formulation might constitute a platform on the basis of which their members could, where appropriate, negotiate their contracts with synagogues.

However this does not mean this should be the concern of the United Synagogue, or that we are qualified to make their formulations for them or that we may properly assume to do so.

4. Much of the content of these codes does not belong in a code of general application throughout the territory of the United Synagogue, embracing as it does all of the United States and Canada, metropolitan and rural congregations, financially powerful ones and those whose every day is a struggle for survival, those with access to adequately trained professional personnel and those who must depend on inadequately trained personnel because they are the only ones available. For the Committee on Standards with its background and experience limited largely to the New York metropolitan region to attempt to lay down a set of employment rules applying to such diverse conditions as exist in our country and Canada is an impossible undertaking. National labor unions know better.

Are "Rules" to Bind Synagogues?

5. Last, but not least, to what extent are these rules binding? There is no provision in these codes corresponding to Article VIII of the Standards. What does his omission mean? If these are rules, presumably punishment would follow failure to abide by them. If they are something less, it should be made abundantly clear.

The foregoing are specific objections to the adoption of these codes at this time. We, of the Park Avenue Synagogue however, have a much more fundamental objection, an objection in principle. It is our considered opinion these codes are a step in a process which is making a revolutionary change in the nature of the United Synagogue. We believe that this is a change in the wrong direction and a threat to the future of our movement.

The process begins with the Guide to Congregational Standards approved by the 1952 convention. Although the Guide is not a model of draughtsmanship and includes some debatable material, its language is sufficiently clear to indicate that it is no more than it purports to be. It is a statement of what the United Synagogue considers proper and desirable in the fields covered and does not purport to establish mandatory rules for congregations.

The Guide was followed by the Standards for Synagogue Practice adopted by the National Convention in 1957. First presented at the 1955 Convention as a Code, it was later submitted to debate in the Executive Council and to the member synagogues. As a result of that debate, the word Code was eliminated and the word Standards substituted. As one of the proponents of the change, it was my object to make clear that these were in truth standards—a term used in the 1952 Guide—not binding rules. I was unsuccessful. It is now clear that the Committee charged with their administration considers them to be rules, binding on our member synagogues, and subject to enforcement by sanctions by virtue of Article VIII of the Standards.

Yet I submit that a fair reading of this document headed Standards does not clearly indicate that what are called Standards are binding rules. I did not so construe them and I venture the opinion that many of the delegates who voted for them did not so construe them. If the convention had been explicitly informed that a failure to abide by any of them might result in expulsion from

the United Synagogue, I wonder whether the Standards would have been approved.

The process is completed by the Codes now before us. All suggestion of guidance is dropped. The word Code is frankly applied to them and they are stated to be rules and regulations.

Regulations Extend to Employment Contracts

Thus, within a period of seven years, we find that the United Synagogue has passed from attempting to guide its congregations to frank and open regulation of their internal affairs. And this regulation is not confined to fundamentals but extends to details of employment contracts.

To anyone familiar with the history and philosophy of the conservative movement, it hardly needs to be argued that this is a most drastic change. It is one that should not be permitted.

The United Synagogue from its foundation has resisted all attempts to convert it into a church. It has never adopted a creed. The rabbis of its congregations range the spectrum from almost orthodox to reconstructionist, and both extremes find themselves at home in a Rabbinical Assembly whose Committee on Law and Standards, embracing all shades of belief, manages to function by divided opinions and without imposing on the conscience of minorities.

In the preamble to our charter, we have firmly expressed our intention to embrace all elements essentially loyal to traditional Judaism and in sympathy with our purposes. This liberal charter, this vision of freedom of loyal Jews to differ has been well described as unity in diversity.

Is it not ironic then, that an organization with a so clearly expressed concept of liberty of conscience in fundamentals finds it necessary to intrude by petty detailed rule-making into the internal affairs of congregations? We will tolerate differences in our concept of the requirements of Sabbath observance, but not in the requirements of how a staff member shall be engaged, or whether a principal shall also teach a class, or the term of a contract. What has happened to the willingness expressed in our charter to embrace all elements essentially loyal to traditional Judaism? It now is made to read "all elements essentially loyal to traditional Judaism who engage their administrators to serve for an initial period of not less than one year beginning on Sept. 1, etc., etc., etc."

This is a profound change in the

nature of the United Synagogue. It marks a point of transition from which there may be no turning back. It is the more dangerous because I am sure it has not been noticed by most of our members, and because it has been accomplished not by any change in our charter or by-laws, but by the successive adoption of rules of gradually broadening application until now we have reached the stage of central control of the details of employment practices. What next? What further dogmas will we impose on our congregations?

Rules will Weaken Prestige of United Synagogue

The attempt, I am certain, will fail. Our synagogues will not submit to dictation from a central authority. The result will be either an accumulation of rules which will become dead letters, and which, being habitually disregarded, will weaken the prestige of the United Synagogue and the proper standards which it might promulgate with some hope of seeing them work. Or, if the United Synagogue insists on obedience to them, they can only lead to divisions within the United Synagogue and withdrawals from membership by Synagogues which find them unacceptable and unworkable.

I hope that nothing that I have said has indicated to anyone that I am opposed to standards, that I am unconcerned with reasonable treatment of our staffs, that I do not believe in the application of the highest principles of Jewish ethics to everything pertaining to our synagogue life. All this I want, as I am sure you do. But the way to achieve it is not by codes. We will not succeed by an attempt from above to impose a uniform regimen on all our synagogues without regard to their local problems, by centrally formulated rules which cannot be of uniform application and which must, in their nature, be formulated by people unacquainted with the wide diversity of conditions they will encounter.

By all means, let us have standards—real standards. Let us seek to show the right path to our Congregations by example and persuasion. Let us try to elevate the standing of all people connected with our synagogues to a level consistent with a religious vocation, whether their service be at the level of a rabbi or at lower levels. But in the process let us not forget our basic purposes and convert ourselves into an authoritarian organization. That way lies the ultimate destruction of the United Synagogue.

— Israel B. Oseas

Parents Hear Panel Discussion at Open Meeting

On November 18, Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School, was the moderator of a panel discussion at an exceptionally well attended meeting of the Parents Association. The following members of the faculty participated in the panel: Mrs. Milton Finkel and Mr. Myron Reis from the Hebrew Department; Mrs. Benjamin Miller and Mrs. Abraham Kranz from the Primary Department.

The faculty members discussed their methods, the curriculum, their goals and the concomitant values. In the primary grades, children are taught with a dramatic approach through symbols, objects, games and plays. As the children continue through the upper grades, they use the Megillah, Haggadah and Torah as source material and thus develop a total picture of Jewish life and customs. In the Hebrew classes, the children learn to read prayers and to interpret the meaning of the prayer book.

Mr. Leichtling summed up the feeling of the audience when he said that the parents should have a feeling of pride in knowing that their children are entrusted to such capable instructors. The warmth of interest in their pupils evidenced by Mr. Leichtling and the teachers was a source of inspiration to all present.

The members of the Parents Association wish to express their appreciation to:

Mrs. Louis Kaplan, chairman of the Program Committee, who arranged this very effective and stimulating program. Mrs. Jack Oberman, chairman of Class Mothers and her co-chairman, Mrs. Albert Cornell, and the Class Mothers who served as hostesses.

Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, chairman of the Book Fair, assisted by Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Mrs. Norbert Acker, Mrs. Joseph Andrews, Mrs. Sam Bloom, Mrs. Joseph Dell, Mrs. Sam Deutsch, Mrs. Robert Fairberg, Mrs. Louis Kaplan, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mrs. Jack Oberman, Mrs. Irving Newman and Mrs. Samuel Wick.

Mrs. Robert Altman who provided her "magic touch" in arranging the motif and decorations for the open meeting.

Class Mothers Invited to Tea

Mrs. Jack Oberman, chairman of Class Mothers and Mrs. Albert Cornell, co-chairman, cordially invite all class mothers to a tea on Wednesday, December 2, in the Sisterhood Lounge from

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

Plans will be formulated for Religious School parties and holiday celebrations. Mr. Martin Leichtling, the school principal, will be present to address the mothers.

Parents Association Class Mothers for Coming Year

Hebrew Class:

- 1A—Mrs. J. Breslin, Mrs. Philip Levin
- 1B—Mrs. Lawrence Gluckin, Mrs. Albert List
- 1T—Mrs. Irving Diamond, Mrs. Samuel Wick
- 2A—Mrs. Albert Cornell, Mrs. James Sasmor
- 2B—Mrs. Nathaniel Hyman, Mrs. George Schwartz
- 3A—Mrs. H. Lyttle, Mrs. Nathan Somberg
- 3B—Mrs. Samuel Swersky
- 4A—Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. Joseph Dell
- 4B—Mrs. Dick Milton, Mrs. George Shapiro
- 5B—Mrs. Lawrence Epstein

Primary Class:

- 1—Mrs. Norbert Acker, Mrs. Howard Kieval
- 2A—Mrs. Irving Parnes, Mrs. Charles Winer
- 3A—Mrs. Harold Fisher, Mrs. Donald Schlesinger
- 3B—Mrs. Robert Fairberg, Mrs. Sidney Zucker
- 4A—Mrs. Bernard Magid
- 4B—Mrs. Henry Schneider

— Miriam Leff

Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund Contributors

As the deadline for the current synagogue BULLETIN draws near, the list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg continues to grow.

The latest contributors are: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cohen, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Druss, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Freedman, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Joffe, Parents Association of the Park Avenue Synagogue, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben R. Kaufman, Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sack and Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Selig.

The members of the Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund Committee are Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman, Mrs. Herman Helpen and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Are You Interested in a Tour to Israel and Europe This Summer?

Sisterhood of the Park Avenue Synagogue hopes to sponsor a tour through Israel and Europe during June and July of 1960. This tour will be limited to approximately eighty members of the congregation, and reservations will be taken in the order in which they are received.

The cost of the tour for each member will be \$1100, all inclusive. The actual cost is based on a four week tour with three full meals a day while in Israel for twelve days; two meals a day while in Italy, and a continental breakfast daily while in Paris. The hotels arranged by the agent will be deluxe hotels with double rooms with private baths whenever possible. All sight-seeing will be done on the most modern buses with English speaking guides.

We feel certain that many Sisterhood members and their husbands, as well as other members of the congregation, will want to take advantage of this opportunity to travel with friends and neighbors.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 Street, New York City. It is necessary that you send your name, address and the number in your party to her immediately in order that a meeting to consider plans can be arranged for all who wish to take this tour.

Your Child and You Series Final Session — Dec. 6

On Sunday morning, December 6, 1959, from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Dr. Samuel Schaffer, editor of "The Synagogue School" and assistant educational director of the United Synagogue School, will conclude his series of sessions dealing with current problems of Jewish parents in rearing their children.

Cracking the Sound Barrier will be the theme for discussion at the December sixth session. Rabbi Schaffer will answer the important question as to whether a religious school should teach Hebrew as a living language and will also explain the new technique for teaching foreign languages to children.

All members of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Club Round Table Discussion Highlights December First Meeting

The Mr. and Mrs. Club "Round Table Discussion on Synagogue Life" proved to be most interesting. Gerald Silbert, chairman of the meeting, served as moderator.

The guests at the *Round Table* who participated in the discussion were: Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan David J. Putterman, Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Jacob Klein, president of the Park Avenue Synagogue, Sidney Katz, executive director,

and Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School. Each told of his behind-the-scenes role in synagogue life.

Following the discussion, the audience asked numerous questions which were most informative to all who attended.

Plans are being made for a gala winter dansant to take place on Saturday, January 9—the details of which will appear in the next BULLETIN.

— Louise Abott

We're Sorry

In the article which appeared in the last BULLETIN on the *Round Table Discussion on Synagogue Life*, presented by the Mr. and Mrs. Club on December first, the name of Mr. Jacob Klein was omitted through error.

Mr. Klein, president of the Park Avenue Synagogue, gave a most enlightening sketch of his early Hebrew training and what it has meant to him through the years. He concluded with several appropriate anecdotes told in his usual, delightful manner.

Report on Standards

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sought to limit all lay speakers to three minutes. Despite this attempt to restrict free discussion, Mr. Katz read the speech by Mr. Oseas in full. Many other synagogue leaders from all over the country spoke out against the proposed Standards and against the flagrant attempt to curtail free discussion and to take precipitous action. The proposal to adopt the new Standards in principle was defeated, and the whole matter was referred for further study.

Urgent Need for New Lay Leadership

All of our delegates to this convention see the urgent need for the intelligent lay leadership of all constituent synagogues to assert themselves and to do so now. Our synagogue proposes to continue its efforts to persuade the present leadership of the United Synagogue and the affiliated congregations to reverse the dangerous trend noted by Mr. Oseas and clearly evidenced by the proceedings at the convention.

Our delegates to the convention were Joseph Howard Katz, Saul Godwin, Archie Thurman, Milton Sivek, Sidney R. Katz, Reuben R. Kaufman and the undersigned.

— Asa D. Sokolow

Sisterhood Brunch

Theatre Party Dec. 9

On December 9, a few days after you receive this issue of the BULLETIN, Sisterhood's annual event, brunch at the Astor and a matinee, "Take Me Along", will be over except for the shouting.

Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, president of Sisterhood, wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee who worked so zealously to make this affair a success as well as those who will participate in the program:

Rabbi Judah Nadich, the main speaker at the luncheon; Hazzan David J. Putterman for his fine rendition of songs and for his reciting the grace after the brunch; Cantor Abraham Friedman for reciting the invocation.

Mrs. Herman Helpert and Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairmen; Mrs. Ben W. Boas, co-chairman; Mrs. William Karmiol, treasurer; Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg and Mrs. David Altschul, publicity; Mrs. Harold H. Levin, chairman of angels; Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, chairman of hostesses; Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman of theater; and Mrs. Sol E. Green, chairman of decorations.

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Sisterhood's next social event will be a card party and supper to be held on Sunday, January 17. Watch the BULLETIN for further details.

— Ethel B. Altschul

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Religious School News

Jewish National Fund

During the eleven years of Israel's statehood, the Jewish National Fund has proved to be an important factor in the remarkable growth and development of the country. Many difficult and important tasks still lie ahead to make Israel secure and economically strong and self-sufficient. These undertakings require great resources which must be made available.

Our ANNUAL ISRAEL TAG DAY is scheduled this year for the week beginning Monday, November 30 and ending Friday, December 4th. Our children, with other Jewish students throughout the nation, will participate in this drive which will strengthen their understanding of the problems of the Israeli people and help fulfill the concept that all Jews are responsible for one another.

— Martin Leichtling

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service

5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

Milton Steinberg House

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the Men's Club

Doctors Seminar Concludes Sessions

The final meeting of the Doctors Seminar will take place on Wednesday evening, December 9, in the Cohen Library.

Some fifty doctors have attended the first and second sessions. Together with these, other physicians, surgeons and dentists who are members of the congregation but have not found it possible to come to the previous meetings, are invited to attend on December 9.

Rabbi Nadich will discuss some of the practical questions that confront doctors, and the attitude of Judaism toward them. He will speak about autopsy, abortion and birth control, transfusions, skin and bone grafting and corneal transplantations, and euthanasia.

Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, chairman of the Doctors Seminar Committee, will preside. Following Rabbi Nadich's presentation will be the usual discussion period during the serving of the collation.

Park Avenue Synagogue Salutes New Members

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The new members who joined the synagogue this year and most of whom attended the party are: Dr. and Mrs. Emanuel Appelbaum, Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Applebaum, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Barasch, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Berlin, Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Birnbaum, Mrs. Henry Bischofsheimer, Mrs. Natalie Bloch, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brody, Dr. and Mrs. Norman Bukantz, Mrs. Dorislee Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cohen, Mrs. Joseph L. Cornman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Cowett, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur A. Cowett, Dr. and Mrs. Alan Davidson, Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Doctor, Dr. and Mrs. Morton H. Edelman, Mr. and Mrs. Selig Edelman, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eisenberg, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Felner, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Fier, Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Fiseher, Mr. Gerald Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. William Flaster, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fooner, Mrs. Myrtle Geist, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Germain, Mrs. Faye Gherman, Mr. and Mrs. George Greenspan, Mrs. Vickie Halpern, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastsian Haskel, Mr. and Mrs. David Hirsch, Dr. and Mrs. Jules Hirsch, Mr. Robert J. Hirseh, Mrs. Anna K. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Samson Inselbueh, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jacobs, Mrs. Florence M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Kan, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin J. Kanner, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Karter, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kerstein, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kingsberg, Mr. Malcolm Kingsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Kirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Krim, Mr. Benjamin F. Kutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Herman G. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lavitt, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Levin, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Levine, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Lorberbaum, Mrs. Hanna Lyttle, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Margulies, Mr. and Mrs. George Meer, Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Ohringer, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Peskin, Mr. Leon Pines, Mr. and Mrs. Murray M. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Postel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rael, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rand, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Rand, Mr. Leon Richman, Mrs. Bertha Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosenberg, Miss Doris A. Rosenthal, Mr. Harold K. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Rotto, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Peter Rubenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Rudell, Mr. and

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Altman upon their fifteenth wedding anniversary, December 3.

Mr. and Mrs. David Picket upon the engagement of their son, David, to Joan Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Weinberg upon the birth of a granddaughter, Susan Clare Weinberg.

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer upon the engagement of their daughter, Doris Ellen to David R. Finkel.

The following note of appreciation comes from one of our members. It was written to Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

November 11, 1959

My dear Mr. Katz,

Bob and I want to tell you how very pleased and thrilled we were after having attended the children's service at the Jewish Museum.

Our son, Jonathan, who has been a student for six years, had often asked us to attend the children's service, but we had never left the adult synagogue to do so. On this occasion, we decided to go.

My husband and I were completely overwhelmed with the service and were amazed to find the children familiar with the prayers and the liturgical music. There was decorum in the service as well as dignity.

We write this to you as parents who were honestly thrilled to have had the privilege of hearing their child take part in the synagogue service.

Sincerely yours,

Edna and Bob Altman

Mrs. Irwin Salzberg, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Sapirstein, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schaffran, Mrs. Jacob B. Shohan, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sokoloff, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Soltz, Mr. Abraham Staal, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Tausend, Mr. and Mrs. Norman S. Tischenkel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Towers, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wallaek, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Wallerstein, Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Warpick, Miss Gertrude B. Wasby, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weinstock, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Weinstein, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wiener, Dr. and Mrs. Nahum Winer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zaeks and Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Zuger.

— R.M.R.

Accent on Youth

Annual Youth Service

The Friday evening service of December 18 will be designated as the Annual Youth Service, in which a number of our young people will participate in the reading of the prayers. Following the service, an Oneg Shabbat tea and discussion will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Youth Convention

On Sunday, November 8, the Metropolitan Section of the United Synagogue Youth held a regional "small convention" at Temple Beth El in Hempstead, Long Island. As would be expected, our Youth group carried a major share of the responsibility for developing a successful conclave.

Co-chairman of the event was our own Jeff Mehlman, with Bruce Kogan, Jane Jacobs and Mike Gelfand leading the discussion groups. Also representing the Park Avenue Synagogue were Dave Alberts, editor of the regional newspaper, Don Bachman, Ellen Beeber, Joan Helpern and Adrienne Aster.

Wednesday Art Group

We would like to bring to your attention the excellent work done by our young people in the mid-week Arts and Crafts classes conducted by Mrs. Jules L. Cohen.

There are two classes which meet on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Enrollment is still open for an additional few children.

Staff Addition

We are pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Mel Libman to our Youth Activities staff. Mr. Libman is a graduate of Harvard University and the Boston Hebrew Teachers College.

— Irv Goldberg

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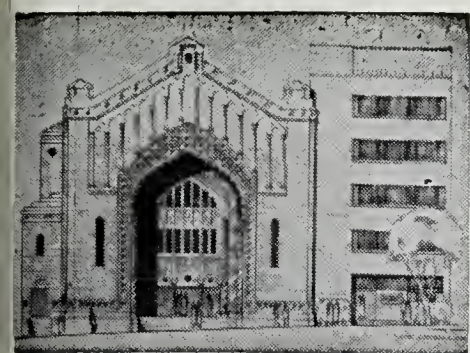
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Annual Youth Service Friday Evening - Dec. 18

At the Friday evening annual Youth Service at 8:30 p.m. on December 18, 1959, Rabbi Judah Nadich will speak on *Conversion—Two-way Bridge?*

Under the guidance of Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, the following members of the Youth group will participate in the religious portion of the service: Adrienne Astor, Don Bachman, Kathy Chandler, Simeon Grater, Carol Hoexter, Al Herskovitz, Lisa Kaufman, Roger Kline, Jeff Mehlman, Penny Michaels, and Steve Schwartz.

At the conclusion of the service, the young people will be hosts at an Oneg Shabbat in honor of the occasion. During the symposium, Mrs. Herman Helpern, chairman of Youth Activities, and

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Dr. John Slawson of American Jewish Committee Guest Speaker at Friday Evening Service, Dec. 25

On Friday evening, December 25, 1959, Dr. John Slawson will deliver the second



DR. JOHN SLAWSON

in the series of monthly lectures, sponsored by the Committee on Adult Education, to be given by distinguished guest speakers in the Lemberg Auditorium. His lecture will follow immediately upon the close of the regular Friday evening service commencing at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Slawson's topic will be: "Exclusions and Jewish Dignity."

As executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Slawson directs the activities of the pioneer organization devoted to protecting the civil and religious rights of Jews in the United States and abroad, combating bigotry, and advancing the cause of human rights. In recognition of his pioneering efforts in the field of human relations, he was elected in October 1952 to the United States National Commission for UNESCO and subsequently to its executive committee.

"Overt anti-Semitism is becoming relatively unfashionable in America," Dr. Slawson maintains. "Human relations agencies such as ours have played a not inconsiderable role in this gratifying achievement. However, this victory is largely of the surface variety."

"Social discrimination serves to perpetuate the infection of bigotry. Social discrimination, when unchallenged, silently authorizes other discriminations."

During the past few summers, Dr. Slawson has participated in delegations of the American Jewish Committee which have conducted on-the-spot surveys of the status of Jews in Germany, South America, and North Africa.

Dr. Slawson's program of scientific research as to methods for combating group prejudice has resulted in the publication of the five-volume series, *Studies in Prejudice* (Harpers). He is also the author of *The Delinquent Boy*, a standard work in its field.

— Peter Miller

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, December 18 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"CONVERSION—TWO-WAY BRIDGE?"
Annual Youth Service and Oneg Shabbat

Saturday Morning, December 19 9:30 A.M.

Friday Evening, December 25 8:30 P.M.

Dr. John Slawson will speak on
"EXCLUSIONS AND JEWISH DIGNITY"
Discussion Period and Oneg Shabbat

Saturday Morning, December 26 9:30 A.M.

HANUKKAH SERVICE
Bar Mitzvah of Charles Hobart Salzberg
son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin H. Salzberg

Friday Evening, January 1 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"WHAT OF THE SIXTIES?"

Upon the Threshold of a New Decade
Annual College Homecoming Service and Oneg Shabbat

Saturday Morning, January 2 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Sande Milton
son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Milton
Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning
The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ

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Hanukkah-Its Significance and Observance

Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication—also known as the Festival of Lights—is an eight-day celebration which commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrians more than 2,100 years ago (165 B.C.E.) and the subsequent reconsecration of the Temple at Jerusalem to the worship of God. The festival occurs on the 25th day of Kislev, which begins this year on the evening of Friday, December 25, when the first Hanukkah candle will be kindled before dark, and continues through Saturday, the 2nd of January.

After the destruction of the Temple, the festival was linked with the miracle of the cruse of oil, which burned for eight days. This cruse of oil, with a supply enough for only one day, was said to have been unprofaned by the heathens—this oil burned for eight days in the golden candlestick in the sanctuary until new holy oil could be prepared. From this is said to be derived the eight days of the festival and the adding of one light each day.

The spiritual significance of Hanukkah was presented by our beloved Rabbi Judah Nadich in an editorial in the December 11, 1957 issue of the BULLETIN in the following words:

"That ancient victory of a small group of determined and heroic men over a much larger enemy force is still of great significance to us today. Historically speaking, the Maccabean triumph made possible the continuation of Judaism and also the birth many years later of the two daughter religions of Judaism. Had the Maccabees failed, there would be neither Judaism, Christianity, nor Islam today.

"Moreover, their struggle is of extraordinary importance to us today because it represents the first raising of the standard of revolt not for terri-

torial conquest, nor for booty, nor even for political independence, but for an idea—for one of the basic freedoms we cherish today, the freedom of conscience, the freedom of worship. The Jews could have lived peacefully in their land had they been willing to accept the religion and culture of their overlords. But peace at such a cost was spurned by the Jews who were of the opinion that life is worth living only when accompanied by freedom, and that freedom meant nothing if it did not mean the possibility of ordering one's life in accordance with one's ideas and beliefs. Few in number and weak in strength as compared with the forces pitted against them, the Maccabees were victorious because they fought as only free men can fight against mercenaries, and we celebrate their victory to this day.

"It is good that we remind ourselves of the purposes for which they fought; that we do so by each Jewish family kindling the Hanukkah lights in the home each of the eight evenings of Hanukkah, by singing the lovely melodies and by exchanging Hanukkah gifts and playing the Hanukkah games. Particularly, should we give our attention during these days to the children in the family in much more than a perfunctory manner, so that through the joy of Hanukkah parties, festivities, presents and song, they be made familiar especially at this season with the warmth, the color and the happiness of normative Judaism.

"But we, the adults, should also take the lesson of Hanukkah to heart. The Maccabees fought for freedom of conscience and the right of Jews to live as Jews."

—L. Chester Glaser

For the Cultural and Religious
Activities Committee of the
Men's Club.

Yahrzeit Reminder - Have You Returned Your Card?

In its desire to render service to its members, the Park Avenue Synagogue recently sent a letter to each congregant reminding him of the Yahrzeit of a beloved departed as well as a card to be filled out with the required information in regard to Yahrzeits to be observed.

We urge each congregant, who has not yet returned the card, to do so without delay. The synagogue will appreciate your prompt cooperation in this important matter.

New Vistas for the Men's Club

Perhaps many of you have not realized that the Men's Club this year has been operating in an entirely new manner and under a new philosophy. This new attitude was revealed by the scheduling of our second meeting of the year, Israeli Night, at an open meeting to which the entire Synagogue was invited. The response to that program was so gratifying that another open meeting featuring the Norway songsters was scheduled for December 15.

Although the Men's Club is, as the name implies, for men only, the new spirit of the Club is not narrow and parochial but, rather, one that often includes the entire congregation. One of the aims of this new outlook is that of fostering a closer feeling of unity among the members of the synagogue. This idea was expressed by President Harry Dubin in a recent *Men's Club Memo*: "The broad objectives of a synagogue Men's Club are to organize the manpower of the congregation and the community for aggrandizement of the parent synagogue, and for the advancement of Judaism as a vital force in contemporary living... By bringing the men together on a freer social level, the Club makes for a more facile rapport among the congregants and lends more zest to synagogue affiliation."

On the practical side, a good part of the success of this new deal is in the hands of the program committee. One of the innovations this year is a much more flexible approach to scheduling meeting topics and speakers.

At this writing, the committee has several plans in the talking stage. If they all come to fruition, this year will be one of the most notable experienced by the Men's Club and, it is hoped, the harbinger of many wonderful future meetings.

— Andrew Fier

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

Appleman Chapel
of the Milton Steinberg House
Under the sponsorship of
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Hanukkah Party to be Held at Synagogue on Sunday Evening - December 27

On Sunday evening, December 27, 1959 at 8:30 p.m., the annual Hanukkah party for members of the synagogue will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Milton Steinberg House.

The charming ceremony of kindling the Hanukkah candles and the recitation of the blessings by Hazzan David J. Putterman will begin the celebration. Rabbi Judah Nadich will discuss the meaning, significance and traditional observance of Hanukkah. There will be audience participation in the singing of the lovely Hanukkah melodies led by Hazzan Putterman.

This will be followed by a showing of a film, produced by Himan Brown, which portrays the historic struggle for freedom two thousand years ago of the ancient Maccabees over the Greco-Syrians. The film entitled *A Time for Valor* is of universal appeal in its interpretation of Hanukkah through its observance by a present day family. A friendship is strengthened through better understanding in this heart-warming film.

The choir with George Crook at the piano will sing several songs especially suitable for the celebration.



HARRY JAY

Harry Jay, the Jewish humorist, who brings a keen understanding of Jewish life as well as a remarkable ability to dramatize every day situations, will entertain with a delightful program of anecdotes and stories. His *Mysalach*, *The Cantor and the Cholent*, and *Attendance at the Benevolent Society Meeting* are favorites with audiences.

Mr. Fred Schaefer, president of the Mr. and Mrs. Club, is chairman of the evening. Assisting him will be: Mr. and Mrs. William Abott, Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, Mrs. Herbert Felner and Mrs. Julius Leichtling.

Mrs. Robert Altman will be chairman of the Hanukkah Workshop which will present a beautiful table arranged in honor of Hanukkah with the traditional setting and foods. There will also be a do-it-yourself project which will explain the making at home of dreidels, Hanukkah gelt, gifts and unusual gift wrappings, which will enhance the meaningfulness of Hanukkah for your children. Mrs. Altman has also promised to have several antique Menorahs on exhibition.

Assisting Mrs. Altman will be the following: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abrams, Mr. L. Chester Glaser, Mrs. William Soltz and Mrs. Harry Wolfe.

At the conclusion of the program, refreshments will be served by the committee. All members of the Park Avenue Synagogue are invited to attend.

— RMR

Events for College Students During Homecoming Week

College Students Service—Jan. 1

As part of the annual college homecoming week, the Friday evening service at 8:30 p.m. on January 1, 1960, will be sponsored by the college youth of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Rabbi Judah Nadich has chosen a most provocative and interesting topic for his lecture: "What of the Sixties?" as we enter upon the threshold of a new decade. Several college students, under the guidance of Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, will participate in the religious portion of the program.

Following the service, there will be an Oneg Shabbat in the Lemberg Auditorium during which there will be a discussion and question period conducted by our college young people.

College Students to Receive Book at Oneg Shabbat

In keeping with the practice of the past two years, the congregation will present to each college or graduate student, at the Oneg Shabbat following the service, the gift of a book. One of the reasons for this gift is the hope that the book thus presented will furnish reading material to the students and serve as a nucleus of the student's own personal library of books of Jewish worth.

This year the gift will be *The Flowering of Modern Hebrew Literature* by Menachem Ribalow, edited and translated by Judah Nadich. This latest work by our Rabbi has been selected by the Jewish Literary Guild and has received favorable reviews in a number of periodicals. In Israel, the distinguished Hebrew poet, Shin Shalom, has been quoted as calling it one of the three best books of the year in Hebrew literary criticism. Nathan Ziprin, in *The American Zionist*, has described it as "this truly remarkable work."

College Cocktail Party—Dec. 29

A cocktail party will be held for all college students on Tuesday, December 29, from 4-7 p.m. in the Sisterhood Lounge of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Invitations have been sent to all students who are attending college or graduate school in the city and out-of-town. Those of you who have attended parties in previous years know that here you will have a wonderful opportunity to greet your old friends whom you may not have seen since you went away to school, and to meet many new friends from colleges throughout the country. There will be refreshments, dancing, and fun for all.

If any college student has not received an invitation, please contact the office of the Park Avenue Synagogue (EN 9-2600) and one will be sent.

Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum is chairman of the Cocktail Party, and Mrs. Harry Zucker is co-chairman, assisted by Mrs. David Altschul, Mrs. Albert Siegel and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer. In charge of the bar will be Mr. David Altschul and Mr. Albert Siegel.

Hanukkah Gifts

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Our Leaders Represented at Conference of Commission of Synagogue Relations of Federation

The Commission of Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies will present an award to Mr. Milton Weill, an honorary trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue and a past president of Federation. This will take place at the luncheon session to be held at 12:00 noon, in the Kauffmann Auditorium on Monday, December 21, 1959 at the YM and YWHA at 92nd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

In the afternoon workshop at 2:15 p.m., our own Rabbi Judah Nadich will

serve as a panelist on the workshop featuring the *Relationship of the Synagogue to the YM-YWHA*.

Another member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, Dr. Louis Linn, a psychiatrist at Mt. Sinai Hospital, will serve as panelist for the *Workshop on Judaism and Mental Health* to take place in the Kauffmann Gallery.

This will be the first all day conference on the relationship of the Rabbi to the Jewish social worker. Luncheon and registration fee \$1.00.

Sisterhood Plans Supper Party - January 17

On Sunday evening, January 17, 1960, Sisterhood will again hold its annual supper party, which has proved so popular since its inception a few years ago.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., a delicious supper will be served in the Lemberg Auditorium followed by an evening of camaraderie and if you prefer—games.

This will be a social evening planned by Sisterhood to enable you to enjoy an evening with your friends. The price is modest—only \$3.50 per person. According to Mrs. Jack Boneparth, chairman of the party, invitations will soon be in the mail.

Please reserve the date now—January 17—and send in your check promptly since the number of persons that can be accommodated is limited.

— Ethel Altschul

Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund

As the deadline for the current BULLETIN draws near, we wish to add the following names to the ever-growing list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg: Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Bernstein, Dr. and Mrs. Saul Granetts, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halbren, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer D. Millheiser.

The members of the Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund Committee are Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman, Mrs. Herman Helpen and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Annual Youth Service

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Mr. Irving Goldberg, Youth director, will discuss the purposes and nature of youth activities at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

— Irv Goldberg

Rare Silver Articles Presented to Synagogue By Judge and Mrs. Geller

Hon. Abraham Geller, a trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue, and Mrs. Geller have presented the synagogue with several exquisite silver articles.

Among these is a silver Torah pointer of the 19th century, a repousse and ajoure tall, silver spice box, circa 1825, a European, 19th century silver Torah pointer in the form of an arm, and a filigree silver spice box, tower-form with the square body and steeple pierced with filigree work.

The Park Avenue Synagogue expresses its appreciation to Judge and Mrs. Geller for these beautiful gifts.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Moe Gale upon the marriage of their son Richard to Miss Maya Mori on December 11, 1959.

Dr. and Mrs. Herman Helpen upon their 25th anniversary — December 30.

Dr. W. Cahnman Lectures At Herzl Institute

Dr. Werner J. Cahnman, Ph.D., a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, lecturer in the Department of Sociology at Yeshiva University and Hunter College, is currently delivering a series of lectures on *Jews and Gentiles* at the Theodor Herzl Institute, 250 West 57th Street, New York City.

These lectures which began on November 3, will continue every Tuesday through December 22, 1959 at 6:45 p.m. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Religious School News

Winter Recess

The closing session of the school will be held on Wednesday, December 23, 1959. Vacation will begin on Thursday, December 24. The school will re-open on Monday afternoon, January 4, 1960.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be distributed to the students in the Hebrew Department on December 14 and 15. Parents are asked to sign the report cards and return them to the school on December 16 and 17.

Parents are advised to read the personal comments that appear on the report cards. These individual comments by the teacher emphasize the strength and the weakness of the pupil's achievement in the classroom. These comments, in addition to the subject grades, will give the parent an opportunity to praise the successful achievements of the child and to explore those areas where the child may have to exert more effort before he achieves success.

Hanukkah Parties

The entire week before Hanukkah will be a week of festivity for our students. The Hanukkah candles will be kindled in each of the classrooms; refreshments will be served; gifts will be exchanged, and holiday songs and games will be played.

The teachers and students are planning class and assembly programs to be held on December 20, 21 and 22. On each of these days, the Parents Association Committee of Class Mothers, under the leadership of Mrs. Jacob Oberman, will provide the traditional latkes and applesauce for the children.

The Park Avenue Synagogue will present each student with a gift that will remind him, for months to come, that we wish him a "Happy Hanukkah".

— Martin Leichtling

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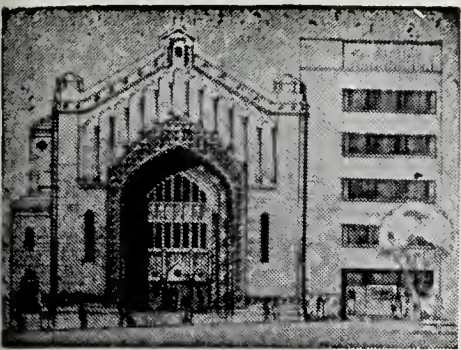
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Park Avenue Synagogue Buys Cemetery Grounds in Westchester County

New Site in Kensico, Valhalla, New York

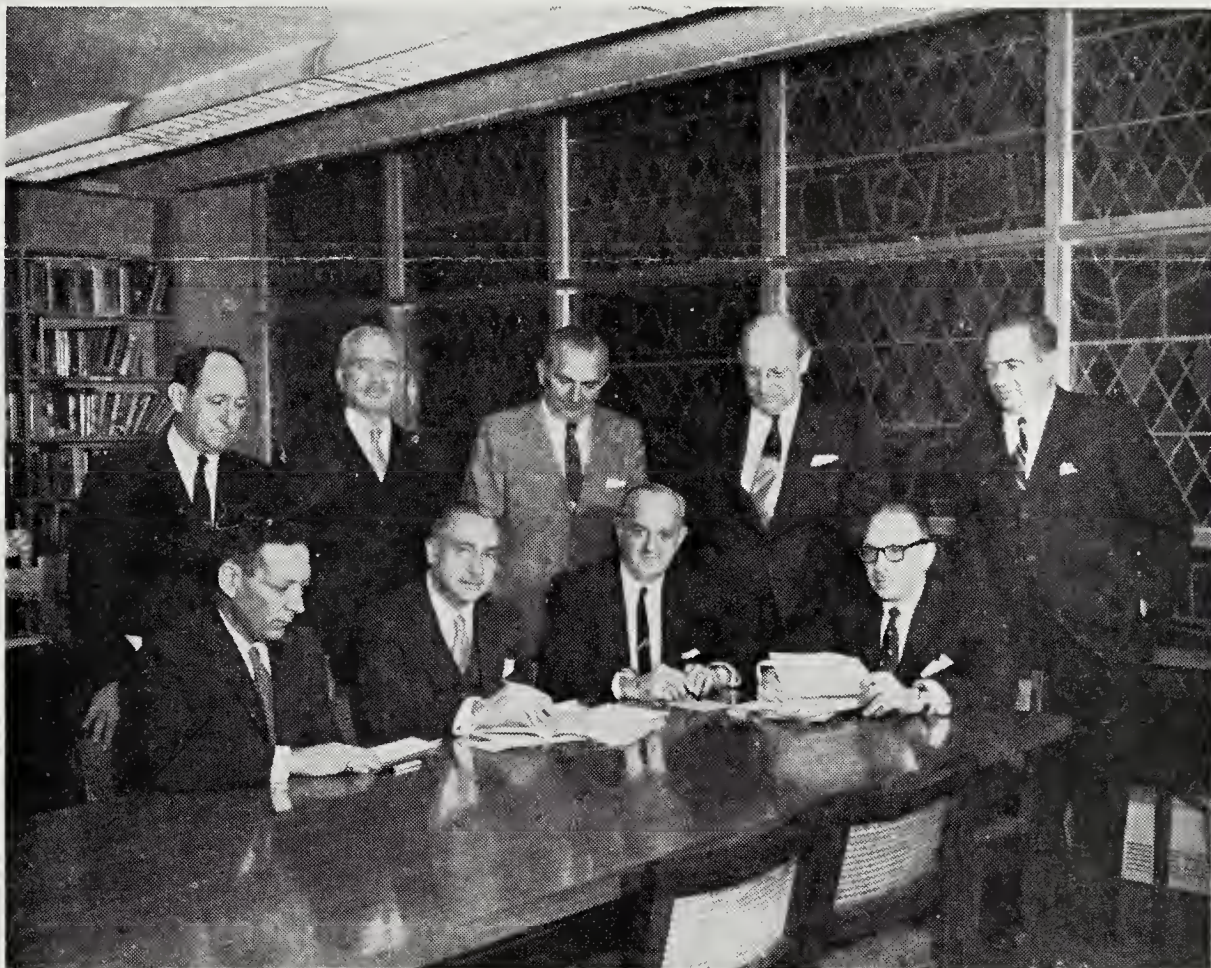
In a far-reaching and historic decision, the Board of Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue approved the action taken by the Cemetery Committee of our congregation in purchasing new burial grounds at the Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, Westchester County, New York. At the time of the closing of the deal, Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, predicted that those who follow us in the generations to come will praise the far-sightedness and wisdom of our present leadership in consummating the arrangements for burial rights.

A total of two acres, with the option to purchase a third, was the amount of ground obtained in the transaction. Kensico Cemetery, one of the oldest and best-established cemetery organizations in the United States, operates a Jewish section known as Sharon Gardens as part of its regular cemetery business. The Sharon Gardens area has been made available to several other synagogues as well as our own, including the Free Synagogue of Westchester, Beth-El Synagogue of New Rochelle, Congregation Emanuel of Mt. Vernon, Temple Israel of New Rochelle and Temple Israel Center of White Plains.

Easy Accessibility

The cemetery committee selected the Kensico area after months of careful study. The Kensico area, Sharon Gardens section, was designated as our choice on the basis of its intrinsic beauty, the excellent and dignified maintenance of the entire grounds, and the ready accessibility of the cemetery from Manhattan.

Travel to the Kensico cemetery on the main highways from New York City takes a little less than an hour under normal travelling conditions. The cemetery is available via the Sawmill River Parkway. Using the Elmsford exit makes the drive a few miles this side of Haw-



Signing Contract at Purchase of Sharon Gardens:

Late in the afternoon of December 14, 1959, the Cemetery Committee carried out its decision, in accordance with its authorization by the Board of Trustees, to purchase burial rights in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery.

Seated left to right: Asa D. Sokolow, chairman of the Law Committee and a trustee; Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee and vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees; Milton M. Sivek, associate treasurer of the Park Avenue Synagogue and a trustee.

Standing left to right: Samuel Epstein, member of the Park Avenue Synagogue; Mortimer D. Millheiser, member of the Cemetery Committee and sexton and funeral director of the Park Avenue Synagogue; Joseph P. Mandelbaum, member of the Cemetery Committee and a trustee; Emanuel Hochman, member of the Cemetery Committee and a trustee; Sidney R. Katz, executive director.

Not shown: Nathan B. Gerber, member of the Advisory Council; Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, 1st Vice-president.

thorne circle. The cemetery grounds can also be reached through any number of other highways and expressways including the Bronx River Parkway. In addition, it is one hour from Grand Central Station by railroad with the train stop directly at the cemetery grounds. Limousine service is available, when requested, directly from the station to the Park

Avenue Synagogue grounds.

Saul Godwin, chairman of the cemetery committee of Park Avenue Synagogue, undertook and carried through the responsibilities for negotiations with the Kensico Cemetery officials. He was ably assisted by the chairman of the Law Committee, Asa D. Sokolow who reviewed the terms of the contract, and by

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Rabbi Nadich To Speak At Friday Evening Service - January 8

The second in a series of monthly lectures on "Lovers of Their People" will be given by Rabbi Nadich at the Friday evening service on January 8 when he will speak on the greatest modern Hebrew poet, Hayyim Nahman Bialik, who died 25 years ago.

Bialik's poems were read avidly by a whole generation of Jewish readers in Europe and helped stir them to Zionist thought and action. They served as an inspiration for many young Jews leaving their native lands to settle in what was then Palestine.

First in this series was the lecture given by Rabbi Nadich last month on Levi Yitzhok of Berdichev, "Defender of Israel".

To conclude the series next month, he will speak on Rabbi Gershon, "Light of the Exile", a lawmaker for Israel.

We Turn Back The Pages of History

Delving through the pages of past BULLETINS, we came across the following interesting facts about the Park Avenue Synagogue which we imagine are little known by many of our congregants.

In 1921, *Congregation Beth Israel Bickur Cholim* affiliated with *Congregation Agudath Jeshorim* which at that time worshipped on East 86 Street. In 1923, *Agudath Jeshorim* changed its name to *Park Avenue Synagogue*.

A few years later, *Temple Atereth Israel*, another congregation then located on East 82nd Street, merged with the *Park Avenue Synagogue* — a happy merger of resources and leadership. Our present property was purchased in 1925 when our beautiful synagogue was built.

— RMR

Arthur Levitt, Comptroller of New York State Speaker at Friday Evening Service — January 15

The Parents Association will sponsor the Friday evening service, January 15, 1960, at 8:30 p. m. with an outstanding speaker, Hon. Arthur Levitt, comptroller of the State of New York and past president of the Board of Education. His topic will be: *State Aid to Education*.

A veteran of both World Wars, Mr. Levitt served as a Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corps during World War II and was decorated with the United States Medal of the Legion of Merit.

Mr. Levitt, a graduate of Columbia University and of Columbia Law School, has held many public offices. In 1922, he became a member and, later, president of the Board of Education of the City of New York. In 1954, he was elected comptroller of the State of New York, the position which he now holds. He has also been president of the New York Academy of Public Education as well as adviser on the committee for the White House Conference on Education.

Mr. Levitt's civic and fraternal organizations have been many including his appointment as vice-chairman to the Brooklyn chapter of the American Red Cross, and New York State chairman of the U. S. Savings Bond Drive. A trustee and former president of Union Temple in Brooklyn, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

His active career has brought Mr. Levitt recognition in many fields. In 1958, he won the U. S. Treasury Medalion for his work as New York State chairman on the U. S. Savings Bond Drive. In the same year, he received the Benjamin Potoker Brotherhood award for doing most, as a public official, to promote public relations among people of all races and religions. The coveted Brandeis University citation was awarded to him in 1956.

The resolution adopted by the superintendents of the New York Board of Education is a fine tribute to Mr. Levitt's brilliant career. It says in part: "He will attain greater heights in the service of government by reason of his outstanding background, unusual abilities and sterling character."

Under the guidance of Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, the following members of the Parents Association will take part in the service: Mesdames Robert Altman, Albert Cor-



HON. ARTHUR LEVITT

nell, Sam Deutsch, Irving Diamond, Louis Kaplan, Jack Kurzweil, Jacob Oberman and Michael Stowe.

Following the service, there will be an Oneg Shabbat in the Lemberg Auditorium during which Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president of the Parents Association, will preside.

The Parents Association wishes to express its appreciation to: Mrs. Louis Kaplan, chairman of program and her committee; Mrs. Robert Altman, chairman of decorations; Mrs. Irving Diamond, chairman of hospitality and her committee, for their efforts in arranging the evening.

— RMR

Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund

In the ever-growing list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg, we wish to include Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevit. To the many friends who have contributed, the committee expresses its appreciation.

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We Take Pride in - - -

Mr. Irving Mitchell Felt, a member of the Advisory Council of the synagogue, who has been chosen over-all campaign chairman of the 1959 Federation Appeal. . . .

Mr. David Galler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Galler, members of the Park Avenue Synagogue, upon the publication of a book of poetry entitled *Walls and Distances*, praised by critics for its poetic technique and its psychological insights. . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List, who received the much coveted Solomon Schechter medal from *The Jewish Theological Seminary of America* at a special convocation on December 20 when honorary degrees were conferred upon the Honorable Avraham Harman, ambassador of Israel to the United States, and Sir Isaiah Berlin of Oxford University. . . .

Mr. Joseph I. Lubin, an honorary trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue, who recently unveiled a plaque at the *Eisner and Lubin Auditorium* at the Loeb Student Center on Washington Square. . . .

Mr. Jay Manacher, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Manacher, who is serving as Bronx chairman of the *Coal and Fuel Division of Federation*. . . .

Mr. Maurice Sohn, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, who was recently elected a member of the Board of Directors of the *New York Society of Certified Public Accountants*. He was elected as one of four state-wide directors.

Men's Club Presents Motion Picture Projection Screen to Synagogue

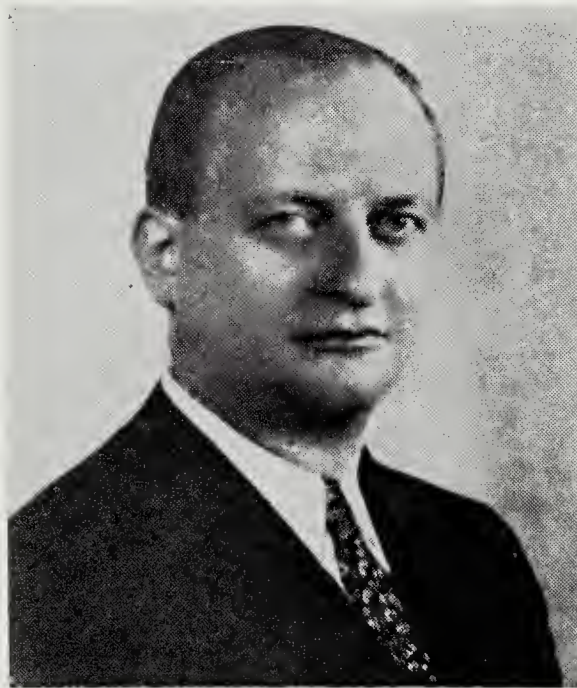
The Park Avenue Synagogue wishes to express its appreciation to the Men's Club for its gift of a motion picture projection screen. The screen, approximately 7 ft. square, has been permanently affixed behind the cornice of the stage in the Lemberg Auditorium and can be easily pulled down to project films.

Mr. Harry Dubin, when presenting the gift in behalf of the Men's Club, said that the screen can be used by the various arms of the synagogue to display films in conjunction with their programs. The screen was used for the first time during the recent Hanukkah Party to display the film, *A Time for Valor*.

Sisterhood Activities

On Sunday, January 17, 1960, the Sisterhood Lounge will be the setting for a gala evening: dinner followed by an evening of sociability and games, or just old-fashioned camaraderie. All this is yours for only \$3.50 per person. Assisting Mrs. Jack Boneparth, chairman, are: Mesdames David Altschul, Charles Benet, Paul Bercu, Benjamin Boas, Herman Bronstein, Morris Cohn, Mack Fieber, Samuel Gellert, Harold Osserman, Aaron Schoenbaum, Marvin Spiegel, and Samuel Wimpfheimer.

Since reservations are limited, we urge you to send in your check promptly to Mrs. Paul Bercu, 239 East 79 Street.



IRVING DAVIDSON

On Tuesday, January 19, Sisterhood will hold an Open Meeting and Dessert Luncheon. The guest speaker that afternoon will be Irving Davidson, humorist, raconteur, and lecturer, who will speak on "Jewish Wit and Humor." Mr. Davidson is no stranger to our Synagogue, having served as principal of the Religious School of the Park Avenue Synagogue for five years.

Mr. Davidson is noted for his interpretation of Jewish wit and humor, of which he has made a specialized study. He possesses a fine sense of social philosophy upon which he draws liberally, sandwiching his remarks on current Jewish or world problems between layers of humor.

This promises to be an entertaining afternoon. Be sure to attend and bring your friends.

Sisterhood congratulates Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer, a past president of Sisterhood, who was recently elected a trustee of the *Grand Lodge of the United Order of True Sisters*. — Ethel B. Altschul

Park Avenue Synagogue Buys Cemetery Grounds

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Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees. The cemetery committee, which gave full and active support to its chairman, Mr. Godwin, includes: Samuel Epstein, Nathan B. Gerber, Emanuel Hochman, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Mortimer D. Millheiser, and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Congregants are reminded that in an earlier survey of the needs of our members for cemetery grounds, we had projected the possibility of making a purchase in Putnam County, about a half hour in time beyond that for the area finally selected. The grounds at Kensico are much more accessible to New York City and more desirable generally than the cemetery committee originally believed it was possible to locate.

The purchasers of burial rights in the cemetery must be members of the Park Avenue Synagogue and their privileges will be subject to such rules and regulations as are now being adopted or will hereafter be adopted by the Board of Trustees of the congregation—subject, of course, to the cemetery laws of the State of New York. It is expected that the burial rights will become part of the membership privileges of our congregants subject to fixed contributions in order to avail themselves of those rights. These contributions, of course, will be payable to the Park Avenue Synagogue.

In order to allot the area available, the allocation of ground at Kensico will be assigned on the basis of applications received by the Synagogue office. Those who apply first will be accorded the first opportunity of selecting the area they desire.

Congregants are therefore urged to contact the Executive Director at the synagogue office at their earliest convenience.

— Sidney R. Katz

Girl Scouts Annual Service Project

For its annual service project, the girls in the Intermediate Troop 3-231 of the Park Avenue Synagogue will make puzzles for the children in the wards of Mt. Sinai Hospital. These will be original prints, hand-blocked and mounted on card board.

We commend Mrs. Stanley Simon, leader of the troop, and the girl scouts, for their fine choice of a project.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Allan upon the marriage of their daughter, Joyce Alleyne Allan to Gerald Edward Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Freedman upon the birth of a granddaughter, Joyce Frances Benenson.

Dr. and Mrs. Milton Helpen upon their fifth wedding anniversary, January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Munves upon their 30th wedding anniversary, January 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rosenbloom upon their 30th wedding anniversary—January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Starkman upon the engagement of their son, Harold R., to Miss Jacqueline B. Rosenbaum.

Mrs. Julia Steiner upon her 75th birthday—January 6.

A Gift of Jewelry

The Park Avenue Synagogue is grateful to Mr. Alexander E. Arnstein, who recently presented the synagogue with a gift of beautiful ceremonial jewelry.

Condolences

Mr. Saul Godwin upon the death of his brother, David G. Godwin.

Mrs. Sophie Jacobs upon the death of her husband, Robert H. Jacobs.

Rabbi To Meet With Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents

On Sunday morning, January 10, at 11:30, Rabbi Nadich will meet with the parents of boys who will be Bar Mitzvah and of girls who will be Bat Mitzvah during the next several months. The parents invited are those who have not met previously with the Rabbi.

The one-hour discussion will center about the significance of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah service, the proper observance of it, and practical suggestions of help to parents.

Religious School News

Bar Mitzvah Class

Rabbi Judah Nadich will meet with the members of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class on Monday, January 18 and January 25 from 5:15 to 6 p.m., in room 501 of the Milton Steinberg House.

Students, who will be Bar or Bat Mitzvah from February 6, 1960 through June 25, 1960, will attend the two sessions and will discuss with Rabbi Nadich the meaning of Bar Mitzvah, its origin and its significance today. To prepare for the discussion, the students are requested to read the book, "A Guide to Jewish Youth."

It is of the utmost importance that the children be present for these two classes, and the cooperation of parents is earnestly solicited.

— Martin Leichtling

Books At A Glance

A selection of new acquisitions now at the Cohen Library:

Abraham J. Heschel: *Between God and Man—An Interpretation of Judaism*. New York, 1959.

This book is a comprehensive introduction to contemporary Judaism. It presents the problems of religion faced by modern man and treats such topics as religious observance, our knowledge of the Divine, and man's relation to God. Moss Hart: *Act One*. New York, 1959.

The autobiography of the well-known American playwright and stage director relating, in a thrilling fashion, how he made his way from poverty and want to fame and fortune in the theater.

Merle Armitage: *George Gershwin, Man and Legend*. New York, 1958.

This book presents much information on Gershwin's personality, his ideas, and his critics.

Erich Fromm: *Sigmund Freud's Mission. An Analysis of His Personality and Influence*. New York, 1959.

A well known psychoanalyst gives a frank and analytical appraisal of the founder of the movement and explains many of his actions and beliefs.

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, January 88:30 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on

"BIALIK — POET LAUREATE OF ISRAEL"

Second in series, "Lovers of Their People"

Saturday Morning, January 99:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Jon Michael Rosenblatt

son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis G. Rosenblatt

Friday Evening, January 158:30 P.M.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION SABBATH

Hon. Arthur Levitt

Comptroller of the State of New York

will speak on

"STATE AID TO EDUCATION"

Discussion period and Oneg Shabbat

Saturday Morning, January 169:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Richard Stein

son of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Stein

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ

High Holy Day Appeal

It may be of interest to our members to know that the results of the Park Avenue Synagogue *High Holy Day Appeal* for U.J.A. were the highest in the history of our synagogue, as well as the most successful throughout New York City.

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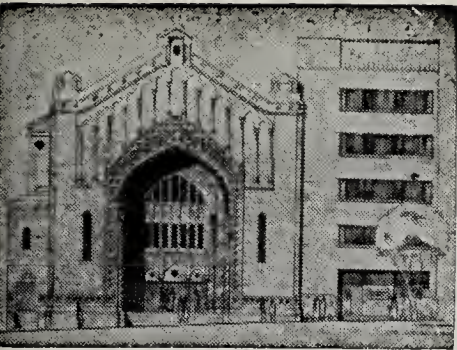
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Rabbi Nadich Speaks on Outbreak of Vandalism of Synagogues

In his sermon Saturday morning, January 9, at the synagogue, Rabbi Judah Nadich, speaking on "Also in America", revealed for the first time that our synagogue, too, had been the object of malicious vandalism last week, and that the culprits had been apprehended.

Damage had been done to the interior of the Milton Steinberg House of the synagogue by water seeping down through four floors of classrooms and religious school facilities. The very same vandalism was repeated the next day, this time resulting in the detection and apprehension of the three culprits.

"The immeasurably sad and disheartening aspects of the story," Rabbi Nadich said, "are that the so-called 'criminals' are nine and ten years of age, two of them the sons of recent immigrants to America, from Hungary and Italy. All three go to parochial schools where Christian teachings undoubtedly aim at instil-

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Leo Pfeffer, Director on Law and Social Action of American Jewish Congress, Guest Speaker at Friday Evening Service, January 29



LEO PFEFFER

On Friday evening, January 29, 1960, Leo Pfeffer, National Director of the American Jewish Congress Commission on Law and Social Action, will deliver the third of the series of monthly lectures, sponsored by the Committee on Adult Education, to be given by distinguished guest speakers in the Lemberg Auditorium. His lecture will follow immediately upon the close of the regular Friday evening service commencing at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Pfeffer's topic will be "Inter-Religious Tensions and Current Social Problems." This is a subject of current interest to all of us.

Mr. Pfeffer has long been one of America's most distinguished constitutional lawyers, specializing in questions relating to the operation of church and state. In the famous McCollum case, he was successful in arguing before the United States Supreme Court that the teaching of religion in a public school is unconstitutional. In the Gideon Bible case, he helped to establish the principle that a public school cannot distribute a religious tract such as the Gideon Bible. Again, in the "Miracle" case, he helped to persuade the New York Court of Appeals that a motion picture accused of being blasphemous cannot be censored on that account.

Mr. Pfeffer's books include "Church, State and Freedom", "The Liberties of an American", and "Creeds in Competition".

All members are invited to bring their friends to hear Mr. Pfeffer on Friday evening, January 29, and to participate in the discussion to take place in the Lemberg Auditorium. An Oneg Shabbat will follow the lecture.

— Peter Miller

Schedule of Religious Services

- Friday Evening, January 228:30 P.M.
Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"DARWIN — 100 YEARS LATER"
- Saturday Morning, January 239:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Jan Ellen Cornell
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Cornell
- Friday Evening, January 298:30 P.M.
Mr. Leo Pfeffer will speak on
"INTER-RELIGIOUS TENSIONS AND CURRENT SOCIAL PROBLEMS"
Adult Education Program: Discussion and Oneg Shabbat Tea
- Saturday Morning, January 309:30 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Jeffrey Ralph Dell
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Jewish Education — Should The Child Decide?

Occasionally one may hear parents say that they do not wish to thrust their own religious ideas or lack of them upon their child, and that they have, therefore, decided to wait until the child is old enough to make up his own mind whether or not he will have a religious education.

An interesting comment upon this attitude is found in a recent book written by Dr. Louis Linn, a member of our congregation, in conjunction with Dr. Leo W. Schwarz, entitled *Psychiatry and Religious Experience*. The book is well worth reading. The excerpt from it follows:

"Nothing could be more mistaken than the common parental attitude that formal religious affiliation should be deferred until the child is 'old enough' to make his own decision . . . To defer affiliation until the school years or adolescence is to by-pass an important developmental phase in the life of a child; it has unfortunate effects, not only on the problem of personal identification, but on other psychological problems as well. Our clinical data indicate that parents should make the decision for the child, and make it before he has reached the age of five.

"Parents belonging to minority groups will sometimes deny their children the opportunity for religious affiliation, thinking to protect them against any unnecessary conflict, or to spare them the problem of 'double allegiances'. Of the latter, Kurt Lewin rightly remarks: 'Parents should not be afraid of so-called double allegiances; belonging to more than one overlapping group is natural and necessary for everyone. The real danger lies in standing nowhere—being a marginal man, an eternal adolescent!'"

Religious School News

A Step Forward in Education

"When shall my child begin his study of Hebrew in the Religious School?" is a question commonly asked by the parents of our boys and girls.

The tendency nowadays is for children to begin religious school instruction at an earlier age. Recent pedagogic surveys also show that the study of a foreign language should be started at an age when the child is more impressionable and can more readily develop new language patterns. At this early age, the burden of after-school work is comparatively light and it is a simple thing to develop the child's daily schedule to include his Hebrew education along with his elementary school program and other after-school activities.

In full recognition of the advantages to be gained both by the child and the success of the religious school program, the School Boards, the Rabbis, and the Faculties of the Mid-Manhattan Religious Schools have agreed that, beginning with September 1960, all students who will be nine years old by April, 1961 must be registered in the three-day-a-week Hebrew Department. No student whose ninth birthday comes before April, 1961 will be permitted to attend the one-day-a-week Primary Department. The parents of the students in our Primary Department whose children come under this age category will be notified shortly of the class schedule for the school year beginning September, 1960, so that they may enroll their children now.

Early registration of the entering class of the Hebrew Department will help the school organize the students in homogeneous classes, interview and select the best teachers available, and begin the new school year in an efficient manner in September of 1960.

— Martin Leichtling

Ten Years Ago — Do you Remember when?

In 1950, the Religious School of the Park Avenue Synagogue joined with that of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism in the forming of a new high school? Courses in Hebrew, history and the Bible fulfilled the requirements for confirmation. Instruction was then given at the Park Avenue Synagogue for the first half of the school year and at the SAJ for the second half.

Jewish Museum Houses Priceless Treasures

The Jewish Museum of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America is open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free at all times.

Since it first opened its doors, the Museum on 92nd Street and Fifth Avenue has acquired many priceless treasures. Among these is the Torah Crown on display with thousands of Jewish ceremonial objects. The unique Torah Crown, wrought of silver gilt and inlaid with precious stones, was designed in the year 1750 in Breslau, Germany, by the master silver artisan, George Kahlert.

Ludwig Wolpert, trained silversmith and designer, is currently leading a workshop course in the design of ceremonial objects—the first to be offered in the United States.

— R.M.R.

Outbreak of Vandalism

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ling in them love for their neighbor. That this incident was not simply a childish prank can be seen from the fact that it was repeated, that a bicycle was stolen and later recovered from the home of one of the youngsters and, worst of all, that a vile anti-Semitic epithet was uttered by the boys as they ran from the building.

"These children were not born with hatred in their hearts. It has been implanted within them by the immediate environment in which they move. This horrendous fact should arouse us to the realization that a sub-stratum of prejudice and bigotry still exists also in America. If we have learned anything from the past at all, it is that anti-Semitism represents not only a threat to Jews but, more significantly, a menace to democracy and democratic institutions.

"It follows, therefore, that city authorities must be expected to exert the fullest vigilance to make certain that dormant prejudice be not translated into overt practice. But even more important, a challenge is hurled at government, church and educational leaders and at all who value democracy, to carry on the kind of long-term programming that will effectively eradicate the un-American prejudice that splinters our people's strength and would make it an easy prey for the unscrupulous demagogue from within or the totalitarian foe from without."

Assistant D. A. Stone To Address Men's Club

The members of the Men's Club are eagerly looking forward to the next meeting of the club Tuesday, January 26, when they will be addressed by Joseph Stone, assistant District Attorney for the County of New York.

Mr. Stone has been in the news recently because of his connection with payola and radio and television scandals. He has been conducting the investigations into these alleged malpractices from its inception. Perhaps the most notable action so far has been the charge involving Charles Van Doren and its effects not only upon TV practices, but upon the whole fabric of American society. Mr. Stone will also discuss consumer frauds and will illustrate his talk with several exhibits.

We urge all members to attend this meeting which promises to be most enlightening.

In the very near future, the Men's Club hopes to make use of the screen it donated to the synagogue. Some very exciting films will be shown. You will receive announcements enough time in advance to make plans to attend.

— Andrew Fier

Mr. - Mrs. Club Launches Winter Social Season

Gay, sparkling music—charming, candlelight decor, and the pleasant hospitality of the hosts and hostesses of the Mr. and Mrs. Club ushered in the winter social season with a dansant held on Saturday evening, January 9, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Presenting the Bob Thomas—Jerry Leighton Orchestra for the first time, the Mr. and Mrs. Club and all who attended had a delightful musical treat. This distinctive, versatile orchestra and its vocalist helped make the evening most enjoyable.

Chairmen of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Brandt, ably assisted by the following members of the Mr. and Mrs. Club: Mr. and Mrs. William Abott, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abrams, Dr. and Mrs. Leon Pordy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schaefer and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Silbert.

— Louise Abott

Many Congregants Respond To Cemetery Announcement

Since the recent purchase of cemetery grounds by the congregation of the Park Avenue Synagogue in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery at Valhalla, the office has received many phone calls and visits by members interested in selecting burial plots. Several have already been allocated.



SHARON GARDENS

Sharon Gardens, conveniently located in nearby, picturesque Westchester County, is the answer to the members of our synagogue who desire the peace of mind of knowing that they have provided a resting place for their loved ones in one of New York's most beautiful and most modern Jewish cemeteries. There are plots of four, six, eight and twelve to answer the needs of every family.

Mausoleums can be erected for families who wish space for six to twelve crypts depending upon the size of their plot. All designs must be approved by the Cemetery Committee to assure beauty of construction and landscaping.

Dignity and good taste are emphasized throughout the cemetery to make Sharon Gardens a truly memorable park.

— R.M.R.

Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund

In the ever-growing list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg, we wish to include Mr. and Mrs. Jack Aaron and Mr. Harry Menkes. To the many friends who have contributed, the committee expresses its appreciation.

Sisterhood Activities Open Meeting - Feb. 16

On Tuesday afternoon, February 16, Sisterhood's open meeting will feature a most unusual and informative panel discussion. In recognition of Brotherhood Month, the topic will be: "Paths to Brotherhood." The panel members will be: Mrs. Ezra Cohen, a psychologist; Mrs. Saul Godwin, an attorney; and Mrs. Joseph Hamerman of Hadassah fame. Mrs. Harold Levin will serve as the chairman. Watch the BULLETIN for further details. In the meantime, reserve the date, Tuesday, February 16, for an interesting and stimulating afternoon.

Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, president of Sisterhood, would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Benjamin Sack for her many years of devoted and loyal service as chairman of Sisterhood's UJA committee. Although Mrs. Sack will not be chairman of the Park Avenue Synagogue Sisterhood appeal this year since she is serving as UJA chairman for Manhattan organizations for the Women's Division, Sisterhood can always count on her cooperation. She will be succeeded as chairman by Mrs. Abel Phillips, who has served as co-chairman for several years. Mrs. Phillips is looking forward to a successful year, and we are sure everyone will cooperate with her to the fullest.

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For a selection of appropriate greeting cards for all occasions that represent a contribution to the Torah Fund, please contact Mrs. Harry Neivert, 565 Park Avenue.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Casting Call

Actors and actresses needed! No experience is necessary for acting in "The Way of My Uncle Gedalia," the amateur production to be sponsored by Sisterhood. Written by Sylvia Berger and directed by Frank Papp, the play will open (and close) on the evening of April 26, 1960.

Auditions for parts will be held on Monday, February 1st at 8 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. Here's your chance to show your dramatic talents!

We Take Pride in - - -

Dr. Abram Blau, one of our members in charge of the child psychiatry division of the department of psychiatry at Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Blau originated the idea of a "mother bank" of volunteers who would act as stand-in mothers for emotionally disturbed infants in need of greater affection. . . .

Mrs. Arthur Krim, a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, for her outstanding research on cancer at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. While in New York, Mrs. Krim is working on a cancer project at Cornell Medical laboratories. . . .

Mr. Joseph I. Lubin, who was reelected national co-treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal at its national conference. . . .

Mr. George M. Shapiro, our member, former counsel to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who was recently named as counsel to the State Commission on Revision and Simplification of the Constitution.

Mr. Joe Weinstein, a member of our synagogue, who, as chairman of Mays Department Stores, will receive the Gold Medal for Distinguished Service for the Brooklyn Association. At a luncheon on February 11, in the grand ballroom of the Towers Hotel, Brooklyn, Mr. Weinstein will become the thirtieth recipient of this annual award for devotion to humanitarian causes and for his interest in the civic and business life of Brooklyn.

Second Term of Women's Classes

The Women's Institute of Jewish Studies announces that the 1960 Spring Semester begins on Monday, February 1. Registration will take place during the last week of January.

Classes on all levels of Hebrew and also in Bible, religion and history will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings, in the Unterberg Building of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America at Broadway and 122 Street.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning RIverside 9-8000, extension 95.

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Women's Division - UJA Launches Appeal

An exciting recital featuring Metropolitan Opera star Eleanor Steber and Eugene List, the celebrated concert pianist, will launch the Women's Division 1960 campaign on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York on Monday, February 15, at the Waldorf Astoria.

Master of ceremonies at this unusual musical event will be Mr. Abram Chasins, eminent author and music director of *The New York Times* radio station WQXR.

Prior to the recital in the Grand Ballroom, more than 1,200 guests will attend five simultaneous luncheons at the Waldorf and hear outstanding speakers give a penetrating analysis of the problems facing the people of Israel today. Famous personalities from the entertainment world will be honored guests at each luncheon.

This year's United Jewish Appeal campaign will seek to solve the dire problems which are roadblocks to a secure future for Jews all over the world. Nearly 60,000 immigrants to Israel are languishing in miserable slum settlements, while thousands of fear-ridden refugees are waiting to be brought to Israel and other democratic havens.

Leaders of the United Jewish Appeal, aroused by these problems, are seeking to raise a Special Fund, in addition to the regular 1960 campaign goals. As always, the Women's Division will play an important role to help Israel's new immigrants and the thousands more throughout the world who depend on UJA for assistance.

Condolences

Mrs. Albert A. List upon the death of her mother—Rosa Glaser.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Postel upon the death of their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Alan Lawrence.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

Appleman Chapel
of the Milton Steinberg House

Under the sponsorship of
the Men's Club

Accent On Youth

Our Youth Activities Program has resumed its robust schedule of activities following the winter recess.

On Sunday, January 17, two of our groups, accompanied by their leaders, attended a council meeting of the Hudson Valley Conference of the United Synagogue Youth at Beth-El of New Rochelle.

The program centered around the theme of Jewish Music and featured an instruction period in Israeli folk dancing. Our own Mike Gelfand, president of the Council, had arranged additional interesting features including a star performer provided by the Israeli Office of Information.

On February 7, our young people have arranged, through one of their leaders, Jane Jacobs, to attend the ninth Annual Israel Dance Festival at the Hunter College Assembly Hall. This performance will include the METNY Dance Group now working at the Park Avenue Synagogue. This group is of particular interest to us because, although it represents the entire Metropolitan Youth Groups, the Park Avenue young people will be the chief participants in the program.

— Irving Goldberg

Congratulations

Hon. and Mrs. Nathaniel Goldstein upon the birth of a granddaughter, Lisa Cara.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hochman upon the engagement of their daughter, Harriet Ann to Herbert G. Lane.

Mr. Joseph Rose upon his 90th birthday.

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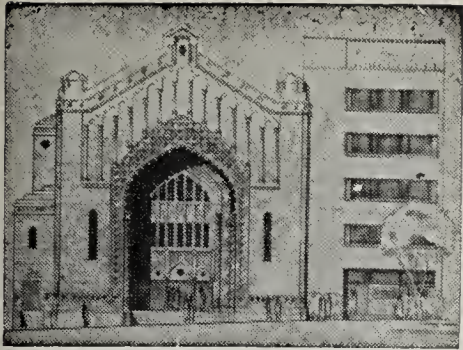
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Service on February 12 To Feature Synagogue Music by American Composers

In observance of Jewish Music Month, an unusual service will be presented on Friday evening, February 12. Since the date is that of Lincoln's Birthday, the music of each prayer will be the composition of an American. Several of these compositions were written expressly for our liturgical music premieres of past years.

Hazzan David J. Putterman and the synagogue choir will chant the service, with Rabbi Judah Nadich serving as program commentator. Programs will be printed for this unique service.

In the music of the evening, the following outstanding American Jewish composers will be represented: Joseph Achron, Herman Berlinski, A. W. B'n-der, Ernest Bloch, David Diamond, Gershon Ephros, Isadore Freed, Herbert Fromm, Israel Goldfarb, Max Helfman, Frederick Jacobi, Darius Milhaud, Mario Castelnuovo Tedesco, Kurt Weill, Jacob Weinberg. The composition by Gershon
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Elegy Dedicated in Memory of Rabbi Steinberg At Tenth Yahrzeit Service — Friday, March 18

The tenth Yahrzeit of our beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg will be observed at the Friday evening service at the Park Avenue Synagogue on March 18, 1960 at 8:15 p.m. In a series of articles to appear in subsequent issues of the BULLETIN, we shall outline in detail the plans for that evening which we hope will be a memorable one in the history of our synagogue.



JACK S. GOTTLIEB, Composer

Milton Steinberg loved music, and it was this thought that prompted Hazzan David J. Putterman to commission a young musician, Jack S. Gottlieb, to compose an elegy to be dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Steinberg. This elegy, to be sung for the first time during the Friday evening service on March 18, was based on excerpts from medieval poetry by Ibn Ezra from a text suggested by Rabbi Judah Nadich.

Our young composer, Jack S. Gottlieb, was referred to Hazzan Putterman by the director of the New York Philharmonic, Mr. Leonard Bernstein, to whom Mr. Gottlieb is now an assistant.

A graduate of Queens College in June 1953, from Brandeis University in 1955 with the degree of Master of Fine Arts, Mr. Gottlieb is now on leave from the University of Illinois where he is studying for the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts.

Many have been the honors and prizes which Mr. Gottlieb has won. Phi Beta Kappa at Queens College, in 1954 he won the thousand-dollar Student Composer Radio Award for his composition, *String Quartet*. For his *Quodlibet*, he was awarded first prize in the National Federation of Musical Clubs contest for choral pieces by young composers. He was the winner of the Nadworney memorial scholarship for his opera, *Sonata Allegro*. In 1957, Mr. Gottlieb was named by Howard Taubman of the *New York Times* in a survey of promising young composers under thirty-five.

Mr. Gottlieb has taught music appreciation and history at Brandeis University for two years and theory of music for three years at the University of Illinois. He has gained practical experi-

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Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, February 5 8:30 P.M.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"DYBBUK ON BROADWAY"**

Some comments on "The Tenth Man" by Paddy Chayefsky

Saturday Morning, February 6 9:30 A.M.

**Bar Mitzvah of Kenneth Levy
son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Levy**

Friday Evening, February 12 8:30 P.M.

"SYNAGOGUE MUSIC BY AMERICAN COMPOSERS"

A Thematic Service in observance of Jewish Music Month

Saturday Morning, February 13 9:30 A.M.

**Bat Mitzvah of Lesley Harriet Richman
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Richman**

Sermon by the Rabbi each Sabbath morning

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Rabbi Nadich Calls Anti-Semitic Acts Threats to All Religions

Referring to the swastika drawn recently in front of the Park Avenue Synagogue, Rabbi Judah Nadich, in his sermon on Saturday, January 23, said:

"Despite the firm and positive statements of the Mayor and the Police Commissioner and the close scrutiny of churches and synagogues by police officers, this new shameful act took place, as though to express contempt for the forces of law and order and defiance of the representatives of democracy. This act, therefore, is symptomatic of a sickness in our society that threatens the values sacred to all religion and that constitute the strength of a democracy.

"As I think of this swastika etched in front of our synagogue, I remember in contrast the Stars of David on the graves of the hundreds of American Jewish soldiers at whose funerals I officiated in Europe during World War II. They gave their lives for America. They died with the hope that never would the swastika besmirch the soil of their native land.

"As worshippers of God in this synagogue, our answer to this heinous deed must be to come to the synagogue in ever larger numbers and to give to our children an even more intensive Jewish education. Our answer to the defamer and the miscreant must be not less Judaism but more."

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Tu B'Shevat — Arbor Day In Israel

Tu B'shevat, also known in Israel as *Hag Hanetot*, "holiday for planting," falls this year on the Sabbath, on Saturday, February 13, and will be celebrated, therefore, on the following day. The term *Tu* is a combination of two Hebrew letters which have a collective numerical value of fifteen. This day is also known by the Jewish people throughout the world as *Hamisha Asar B'Shevat*, meaning the fifteenth day of the month of *Shevat*.

Tu B'Shevat marks the end of the winter season and the beginning of spring in Israel. It is a happy day for all, especially for the children. In schools, assemblies are held. Children sing songs and eat fruits grown in Israel such as figs, dates, raisins, almonds and carob or *bokser*. Children and grown-ups go out to the fields and plant trees, so necessary for the growth and development of Israel today.

Some very interesting customs are attached to this holiday. Parents would plant trees on this day for children born during the year—a cedar for a boy, that he might grow tall and strong, and a gentle cypress or pine for a girl. As the children grew up, they had the responsibility of taking care of the trees. When the children married, branches of these trees were used for the *Hupah* or wedding canopy. Trees thus became an integral part of the life of the Jewish people. Another custom was to celebrate the completion of important school studies and the beginning of new ones during this Festival. It was a time of physical and spiritual growth and advancement.

Trees are important symbols in Jewish life. The Torah itself is called a tree: "It is a tree of life to those that hold fast to it, and everyone that upholdeth it is happy." This passage from Proverbs is chanted when the Torah is returned to the Ark. The Bible also admonishes us not to destroy trees.

Tu B'Shevat gave the Jewish people in the Diaspora the spiritual uplift of the thought of spring in Israel and of the warmth of a homeland. It helped to continue the hope to return to Israel and to live in a free and independent country.

— Solomon Heller

(for the Cultural and Religious
Activities Committee, Men's Club)

Books At A Glance

A selection of new acquisitions now at the Cohen Library:

Jeanne Modigliani: *Modigliani: Man and Myth*. New York, 1958.

This is an interesting study of the life and work of the outstanding Jewish-Italian painter by his art-historian daughter.

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Ludwig Kohler: *Old Testament Theology*. Philadelphia, 1958.

A standard work now available in the English language written by an outstanding Christian scholar.

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Victor Tcherikover: *Hellenistic Civilization and the Jews*. Philadelphia, 1959.

This work describes the contacts between Hellenism and Judaism, the inherent differences in the attitudes of both.

— Hilde Kisch, Librarian

Business Men's Torah Luncheons

The Cultural and Religious Activities Committee of the Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue is whole-heartedly supporting the business men's Torah luncheon series sponsored by the New York Metropolitan Region of the National Federation of Men's Clubs.

The sessions are to be held in the Conference Room of the United Synagogue Youth Offices, suite 801, 1123 Broadway (25th Street) Manhattan on Tuesdays from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

The first session on January 19 was unusually well conducted with a fine representation from our Men's Club. The remaining luncheon meetings will take place on: February 2, February 16, March 1, March 15, March 29, 1960.

The experience of learning the *Torah* during a luncheon session is stimulating and exhilarating, and we urge our synagogue members to attend the remaining series.

— L. Chester Glaser

February 12 Service

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Ephros will be sung in honor of his 70th birthday, while that by Ernest Bloch will be a tribute to his memory.

The members of the Park Avenue Synagogue choir are Miss Leah Crohn, soprano, Miss Elinor Warren, contralto, Mr. Douglas Bredt, baritone, and Mr. Robert Stein, tenor. Mr. George Crook will be at the organ.

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25	Ar Valhalla.....	11 51	1 41	2 54	4 09	4 48
26	Ar Kensico Cemetery.....	h11 54	h1 44	h2 57	h4 50

Harlem Division Time Table
Monday through Friday Train Schedule

Several congregants have made inquiries in regard to train schedules for Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, Westchester County, where the Park Avenue Synagogue has recently purchased burial grounds.

The Kensico area, Sharon Gardens section, is easily accessible by car and by train. The above schedule shows the exact stop at Kensico by train. From the Grand Central Station, the ride takes one hour and ten minutes and the fare is \$1.22 each way.

Below is a schedule of the return stops at Kensico Cemetery for the benefit of any of our congregants who would prefer to go by train. Once there, the cemetery officials will provide someone to escort you to your plot if you desire. This service involves no charge.

The time schedule printed below is based on *Eastern Standard Time*. All the Kensico Cemetery trains marked *f* stop on signal by passenger.

Trains returning from Kensico: (Monday through Friday)

1:16 — 2:30 — 4:30 — 5:15 p.m.

Trains going to Kensico on Sundays:

9:22 a.m. — 11:09 a.m. — 1:01 p.m. — 3:09 p.m.

Trains returning from Kensico on Sundays:

10:41 a.m. — 2:30 p.m. — 4:34 p.m. — 6:17 p.m.

— R.M.R.

Sisterhood Activities — Open Meeting - February 16

On Tuesday, February 16 at 12:30 p.m., Sisterhood will serve a dessert luncheon of coffee and cake prior to its regular open meeting.

The special feature of the meeting will be a panel discussion, the participants of which are all Synagogue members. The topic will be "Pathways to Brotherhood," in tribute to Brotherhood month. The panel will consist of: Mrs. Ezra Cohen, a psychologist, who will speak on the "Role of the Parent"; Mrs. Saul Godwin, an attorney, who will speak on

the "Role of the Government"; and Mrs. Bertha Hamerman, of Hadassah fame, who will speak on the "Role of Society." Chairman of the program will be Mrs. Harold Levin.

We are proud of the competent women in our Synagogue family, and we know you will all be interested in hearing what they have to say on this timely topic.

Be sure to attend for a most stimulating and informative afternoon.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Course in Hebrew Given At Synagogue

As part of the new features introduced this year by the Adult Education Committee and, in keeping with the educational goals of the Parents Association, a new course is currently being sponsored by both groups in beginner's Hebrew. The course which began on Wednesday, February 3rd, will continue through April 27, 1960 (exclusive of the Passover holidays and the spring vacation).

The class, conducted from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in room 300 at the synagogue, is taught by Mrs. Milton Finkel, an instructor in the Hebrew department, and will follow the curriculum now being used in our Hebrew classes. This will enable parents to keep abreast of their children's Hebrew studies.

The course is open to all members of the synagogue and their friends, and is a splendid opportunity for those who wish to brush up on the language.

If you have been unable to attend the first session, we invite you to register for the next class on Wednesday, February 10th.

Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund

In the ever-growing list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg, we wish to include Mr. and Mrs. Sam Deutsch and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Weinstein. To the many friends who have contributed, the committee expresses its appreciation.

Elegy to be Dedicated

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ence as choir director of a synagogue at Natick, Massachusetts, and of the Hillel Choir at the University of Illinois. Here, too, he was musical director for *Three Penny Opera*, *Beggar's Opera* and *Tiger Rag*. At Fort Wayne, Indiana, Mr. Gottlieb was musical director of the plays: *King and I*, *Pajama Game* and *Wonderful Town*. Mr. Gottlieb has also written many fine compositions. For narrator and orchestra, he has composed: *Clarinet Quartet*, *Poems for Music* and *Twilight Crane*.

The Park Avenue Synagogue looks forward with pleasure to hearing Mr. Gottlieb's original elegy in memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg sung at the Friday evening service on March 18, 1960.

— R.M.R.

Two Kinds of Art— A Contrast In Cultures

When the Milton Steinberg House was dedicated a little more than five years ago, its stained glass facade occasioned a great deal of enthusiastic comment from the leading art critics of America.

Most heartwarming to a congregation dedicated, as we are, to contributing to the highest precepts of our religion, our ethical and aesthetic heritage of American ideals, were these comments from the New York *Herald Tribune*:

"The Milton Steinberg House of the Park Avenue Synagogue represents one more step in the march of advanced modern art from its isolated position in museums, galleries and relatively few private homes toward an integrated community role. When lighted in the evenings, it creates a glowing spectacle in the street."

This is quite fitting for a synagogue conceived by tradition to serve not only its congregants but the larger community. That our synagogue succeeded by its very physical structure in literally enhancing the community with its exceptionally beautiful facade is a source of great gratification.

Recently, this work of art was challenged by another kind of "art work" executed on the street in front of the Milton Steinberg House. We were visited like so many other synagogues by the "artists" of hate and destruction who defaced our sidewalk with a painted swastika!

Outrageous and intolerable as such acts are, it provided the passerby—the congregant—the everyday average American with a dramatic contrast in cultures. Never was the beauty of our House—the spiritual impact of its symbols—the dignity of its being and its role so gloriously manifest!

— Julia Katz

Exhibit of Paintings

Adolph Gottlieb, the designer of the stained glass facade of the Milton Steinberg House, is currently having an exhibit of his paintings at French and Co., 978 Madison Avenue. The exhibit which has attracted such great interest has been extended through February 17. The gallery is open every day except Monday.

Mr. Gottlieb's painting, *Thrust*, an abstract in red, black and white, which is now on exhibition at the French galleries, has been purchased by the Metropolitan Museum.

Religious School News

KNOW YOUR SCHOOL

This is the first in a series of articles devoted to a description of the Religious School—its objectives, its structure, its curriculum and its faculty.

The primary concern of the Religious School is with the growing Jewish child who attends our school and is being reared by his parents in an American-Jewish community.

To meet the needs of the developing Jewish child, the congregational schools in the United Synagogue of America have set for themselves a series of objectives that may be summarized as follows:

1. To develop the child so that, in act and attitude, he may be governed by the religious, ethical and cultural traditions of Judaism and, at the same time, be aware of the essential harmony between the ideals and the traditions of Judaism.
2. To develop in the child an interest, loyalty and identification with the synagogue, his local Jewish community, Eretz Yisrael and world Jewry.
3. To equip the child with a knowledge of the Hebrew language for a fuller appreciation of the Jewish heritage; a knowledge of Jewish history, literature and culture and the contributions of the Jewish people to world civilization.
4. To provide him with activities and observances in inspirational Jewish living so that he may have the ability and desire to continue them at home and in the synagogue.
5. To develop in the child the desire to continue his studies in higher schools of learning and throughout his adult life so that he may be prepared to share in the responsibilities of Jewish life on communal, national and world levels.
6. To imbue the child with a love of God and a trust in His goodness, and to provide opportunities for the child to develop a keen spiritual and ethical sensitivity.

These are the basic goals that guide our teachers and our school in their efforts on behalf of our children.

— Martin Leichtling



Candle Lighting Time:

Friday — February 5 — 4:58 p.m.

Friday — February 12 — 5:07 p.m.

Congratulations

Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Glassman upon the engagement of their son, George, to Miss Carol Frankford.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jacobs upon the marriage of their son, Arthur Low, to Miss Mary Ann Sockrider at the Collingwood Avenue Temple, Toledo, Ohio, by Rabbi Stephen A. Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sarnoff upon the marriage of their son, Arthur, to Miss Joan Deborah Goldberg, at Synagogue Emanu-El, Charlestown, S. C., by Rabbi Lewis A. Weintraub.

Miss Mildred Schoen, upon her recent marriage to Mr. Raymond Meyers. Miss Schoen is secretary to Mr. Sidney R. Katz, the executive director of the synagogue.

A Token of Appreciation

From Mrs. Lillian F. Wertheim, recently came a contribution to the Parents Association to show her appreciation "to the ladies who work so hard to make the holidays such festive occasions."

The Parents Association expresses its gratitude to Mrs. Wertheim for her gift, as well as for her thoughtfulness in writing to Mrs. Abraham Stangel, our very talented past chairman of Arts and Decorations.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service

5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

Appleman Chapel

of the Milton Steinberg House

Under the sponsorship of
the Men's Club

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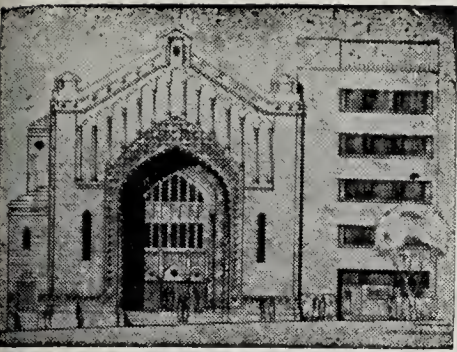
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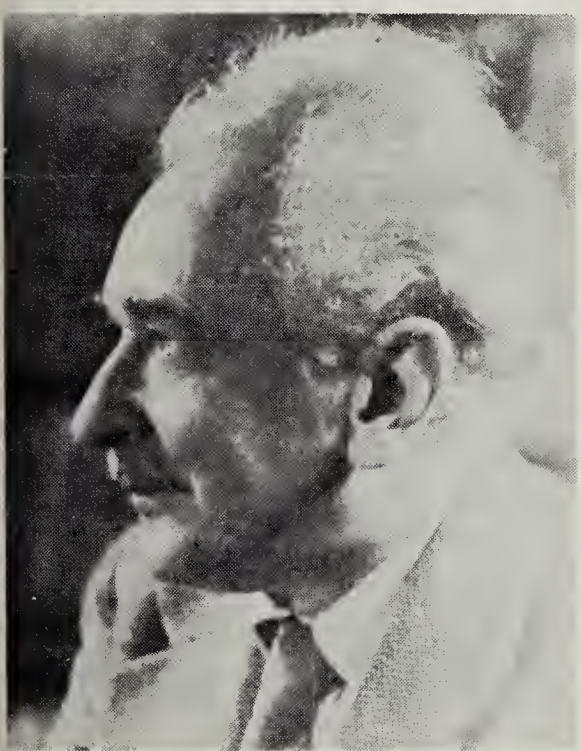


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Marvin Lowenthal, Author and Lecturer, to be Guest Speaker at Service Marking Theodor Herzl Anniversary - Friday Evening - February 19



MARVIN LOWENTHAL

At the Friday evening service on February 19, beginning at 8:30 p.m., Park Avenue Synagogue will join the Jews of America, Israel and the world over in observing the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern political Zionism.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Marvin Lowenthal, distinguished literary figure and translator and editor of the recently published *Diaries of Theodor Herzl*. His lecture, entitled "Theodor Herzl: a Self-Portrait," will be the fourth in the series sponsored by the Committee on Adult Education. In connection with the anniversary, an exhibit of rare Herzl items and books is to be shown in the Lemberg Auditorium. A discussion period will follow the serving of tea.

Mr. Lowenthal is noted as historian, editor and lecturer. His outstanding books deal with French literature (*The Autobiography of Montaigne*), with American history (*This Was New*

York), and with Jewish history, antiquities and biography. Notable among the latter works are *A World Passed By*, *The Jews of Germany*, the *Memoirs of Glueckel of Hameln*, and the *Life and Letters of Henrietta Szold*. He is currently working on a book, *The Laughing Philosophers*.

For years he has appeared on the Columbia Broadcasting System program, "Invitation to Learning." For the past three years, he has held the post of Director of Special Services at the library of Brandeis University.

He has studied Jewish life from the Atlas Mountains in Africa and remote villages in Poland to the banks of the Euphrates in Asia, and has seen at first hand the growth of Israel from the early days of the British Mandate to the birth of the new nation.

The Herzl exhibit will include a number of items from the collection of Rabbi Nadieh: a page in Herzl's handwriting which was concealed by a Christian book dealer in Vienna all through the Nazi period, a first edition of Herzl's *Judenstaat*, a Herzl tapestry, and various books by or about Herzl in Hebrew, German and English. In addition, the Cohen Library of the Park Avenue Synagogue will display books on or by Herzl which are available for circulation.

All members are invited to bring their friends to hear Mr. Lowenthal on Friday evening, February 19, and to participate in the discussion in the Lemberg Auditorium where refreshments will be served. Dr. Hector Ritey, a member of our congregation, who is president of the Sixth District of the Zionist Organization of America, has invited the members of the district to be present, and an invitation has also been sent to the members of Hadassah.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, February 198:30 P.M.

Mr. Marvin Lowenthal will speak on
"THEODOR HERZL: A SELF-PORTRAIT"

upon the Hundredth Anniversary of his birth

Adult Education Program—Discussion and Oneg Shabbat Tea

Saturday Morning, February 209:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Peter Goll
son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham E. Goll
and of Lloyd J. Bloom
son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Bloom

Friday Evening, February 268:30 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"THE EVOLVING NATURE OF JEWISH LAW"
upon the Thousandth Anniversary of the birth
of Rabbenu Gershom

Saturday Morning, February 279:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Lenore Frances Pressman
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pressman

Sermon by the Rabbi each Sabbath morning
The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich
and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ

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Last in Pulpit Series on Great Jewish Personalities

At the Friday evening service on February 26, Rabbi Nadich will speak on "The Evolving Nature of Jewish Law" upon the thousandth anniversary of the birth of Rabbenu Gershom. This will be the last in a series of three pulpit lectures on great Jewish personalities whose anniversaries occur during 1959-60, the series entitled "Lovers of Their People."

In December, Rabbi Nadich spoke on the fascinating Hasidic leader, "Levi Yitzhok of Berdichev—Defender of Israel," this year marking the 150th anniversary of his death. In January he lectured on "Bialik—Poet Laureate of Israel" in connection with the 25th anniversary of Bialik's death. The February 26 lecture will mark the thousandth anniversary of Rabbi Gershom of Mayence whose scholarly leadership was so extraordinary that he was called "The Light of the Exile."

Registration Still Open For Hebrew Course

The course in beginner's Hebrew, sponsored by the Adult Education Committee and the Parents Association, which began on February 3, will continue every Wednesday through April 27, in Room 300 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The course is taught by Mrs. Milton Finkel, an instructor in the Hebrew department of the Religious School, and is an excellent opportunity for mothers to learn Hebrew and thus keep abreast of their children's Hebrew studies.

The first class was very well attended and enthusiastically received, and we urge those who were unable to attend to register for future classes. Mrs. Finkel has kindly agreed to give a review of the previous lessons for the benefit of those who were unable to be present at the earlier sessions. To avail yourself of this opportunity, please come to Room 300 at 1:15 p.m. before the class formally begins.

Sharon Gardens Solves Burial Plot Problem

(Recently, our congregants received the following letter from Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who urges the selection of a family plot while there is time for "calm judgment.")

Dear Congregant:

After months of deliberation and study of many areas, our congregation, as you know, purchased cemetery grounds in the Sharon Gardens Section of Kensico Cemetery at Valhalla in Westchester County. This is one of New York's finest Jewish cemeteries.

Quickly reached by car or train from Manhattan, Sharon Gardens presents no parking or travel problem. Beautiful roads permit parking near every family plot. Paved walks front on each plot and make each grave easily accessible. There will never be a need to walk on one grave to reach another.

Family plots of four graves are so large that overcrowding of graves and monuments can never occur. Permanent maintenance on the Sharon Gardens lawn plan is available for every plot owner without cost. There are plots to cover every family requirement from plots of four, six, eight or more, including mausoleums.

The selection of a family plot can best be considered when there is time for personal inspection and calm judgment. For the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue who wish to provide a resting place for their dear ones in the midst of surroundings of dignity and beauty, we believe that Sharon Gardens is the answer.

A phone call to Sidney R. Katz, executive director at the synagogue, will give you complete information. Arrangements before the immediacy of grief, we know, will result in assurance of peace of mind and will bring comfort to the living, and reverence to those who have passed away.

With warmest regards to you and your family,

I am, as always,
Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Religious School News

KNOW YOUR SCHOOL

(This is the second in a series of articles devoted to a description of the Religious School—its objectives, its structure, its curriculum and its faculty.)

The Primary Department is the first level in the organizational structure of our Religious School. It is designed to meet the needs of our younger children, ages six to nine. This department conducts its session on one day during the week, Sunday morning. By its nature, a one-day-a-week instructional program cannot hope to do more than scratch the surface of Jewish education; cannot teach more than the barest facts of our Jewish heritage. Hence, we limit the program to our very youngest children and set for ourselves very limited but important goals.

Jewish educators look upon the Primary Department as a foundation upon which we can begin to build the entire structure of our educational system. If we can make our Primary Department program a pleasant and warm emotional experience, we can prepare a child to look forward eagerly to attendance in our three-day-a-week Hebrew Department, the core of our educational structure.

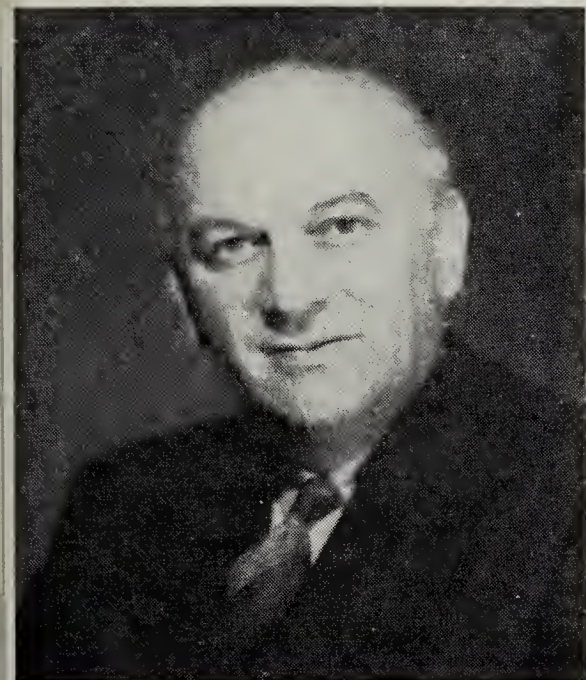
From the *Curriculum Outline for the Congregational School*, we quote:

"Our aim in these first years should be to instill a love for things Jewish and to nourish the child's own natural sources of curiosity and his desire to know who he is, where he belongs, and from whence he came. We must provide him with rich, happy experiences in school and at home, experiences he will want to relive year after year."

To provide the child with experiences, we help him to learn by doing and living. We prepare Rosh Hashanah greeting cards, build a Sukkah, make a clay menorah, plant a tree in Israel, set a Seder table and make a tablet of the Ten Commandments. We learn the holiday customs, chant the appropriate blessings, sing the traditional melodies, and enjoy the special holiday foods. We tell of our Bible heroes and enact their stories in little playlets. We are introduced to Hebrew as the language of the prayer book and as the language of a people.

The child accepts "himself as a Jew, and loves the things connected with Jew-

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MILTON WEILL



ARTHUR A. COHEN

Plans for Tenth Yahrzeit Service in Memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg on Friday, March 18

This is the second in a series of four articles to appear in the BULLETIN to inform our congregants of the plans for the tenth Yahrzeit in memory of our late beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg to be observed at the Friday evening service at our synagogue on March 18, 1960 at 8:15 p.m. In this issue, we present a study of two of the participants: Milton Weill, chairman, and Arthur A. Cohen, one of the speakers.

Milton Weill - Chairman

For many years, Milton Weill has been actively identified with the Park Avenue Synagogue as a trustee, a former vice-chairman of its Board, and at the present time an honorary trustee.

Mr. Weill was the chairman of the Milton Steinberg Memorial Fund and of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Synagogue. A friend of Rabbi Steinberg for many years, Mr. Weill has been asked to serve as chairman of the tenth Yahrzeit Memorial Service on Friday evening, March 18.

A graduate of Columbia University, Mr. Weill has had a varied and interesting career. In the first World War, he served as a lieutenant of the United States Army. He was wounded and decorated with the Purple Heart.

His record of civic and philanthropic activities over the years includes long service with the United Jewish Appeal where he headed the Special Gifts Committee from 1948 to 1955; membership on the Administrative Committee of the American Jewish Committee as well as

on the Board of Trustees of the Joint Distribution Committee. He has also served as vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board. During World War II, he was chairman of its Public Relations Committee, and later of the Army and Navy Committee.

Long a leader in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, Mr. Weill was elected president in 1951 and served in that capacity until 1954. A past president of the 92nd Street YM and YWHA, and now an honorary vice president, Mr. Weill will be honored by having one of the new Y buildings planned for construction in the near future on Manhattan's east side named for him.

Arthur A. Cohen-Speaker

Arthur A. Cohen, son of Mr. Isidor M. Cohen, a trustee of our synagogue, studied under Rabbi Milton Steinberg to whom he refers as "one of the most gifted and profound Jewish thinkers of recent years." Mr. Cohen has chosen for his topic: "Milton Steinberg—What Has Survived?"

A graduate of the University of Chicago from which he received his M.A. degree as well as his doctorate, Mr. Cohen is a fellow in medieval Jewish philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Co-founder of *Meridian Books, Inc.*, he is now president of that publishing firm.

A brilliant scholar, Mr. Cohen has written many books and pamphlets among which are: *The Natural and the Supernatural Jew*; *The Non-Catholic View of the Church*; *The Jewish Mind*, and *Martin Buber*. When the Fund for the Republic, a non-profit educational corporation, decided to publish a series of pamphlets about the basic issues underlying a free society, Mr. Cohen was assigned the subject, *The Problem of Pluralism*, a phase of the general topic, *Religion and the Free Society*. In 1960, he wrote the *Anatomy of Faith* based on the theological essays of Rabbi Steinberg.

Perhaps one of his most widely read articles on theology is "Why I Choose to be a Jew" which was published in Harper's in April, 1959. In this, the author says in part: "Given the freedom to choose, I have decided to embrace Judaism—because Judaism is a religion which emphasizes the observance of God's law, not speculation about it." Mr. Cohen acknowledges with gratitude the important part Rabbi Steinberg played in helping him "to retrace the path backward through Christianity to Judaism."

— RMR

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

For Milton Steinberg Tenth Yahrzeit

Friday, March 18—8:15 p.m. — Friday Evening Service at the Park Avenue Synagogue dedicated in memory of Milton Steinberg.

Friday, March 18—10:35 p.m. — Broadcast in his memory on WMCA Radio Station (570)

Sunday, March 20—12:30 p.m. — Eternal Light Program—WRCA Radio (660) to present *As a Driven Leaf*, based on a novel by Milton Steinberg. Rabbi Judah Nadich to be guest speaker; Hazzan David J. Puiterman to sing the introductory music.

Sunday, March 27—9:30 a.m. — Broadcast in memory of Milton Steinberg on WINS (1010) Radio Station.

Tuesday, March 29—5:45 p.m. — Appleman Chapel Service (Kaddish to be recited on the evening of the Hebrew date of the Yahrzeit of Milton Steinberg.)

Wednesday, March 30, afternoon — Convention of Metropolitan Region of Rabbinical Assembly of America at Park Avenue Synagogue. Kaddish to be recited at Minyan Service in memory of Milton Steinberg.

I Am a Minyanaire!

The editor of the BULLETIN received this letter from Mr. A. Stangel, a member of our synagogue, who writes with enthusiasm about the daily Minyan.

Recently I discovered that by my attendance each Sunday at 5:45 p.m. at the Minyan service held in the Appleman Chapel of the Milton Steinberg House. I soon became a part of a fine group of men, affectionately known as the Minyanaires.

Frankly, it took Dr. Sigmund Siegel, ex-president of the Men's Club, many hours of quiet but persistent persuasion to urge me to join the Men's Club and, eventually, the group of men who attend the daily Minyan services.

What I believed would be a chore for me has turned out to be a most enjoyable experience both spiritually and fraternally. Although I cannot express too well the security I have received from divine worship, I can easily express the feeling of warmth of fellowship that I have found among my co-minyanaires. This devoted group of men, despite the pressure of business and other activities, finds the time to give a few evenings a week to worship and to make possible daily service for bereaved members of our synagogue, as well as for strangers who have need to recite the Kaddish or to observe a Yahrzeit.

A vote of thanks is due to the chairman of this project, L. Chester Glaser, first vice-president of the Men's Club. He has done yeoman work in organizing the group and making the services a daily project. Equal tribute is due to Albert Siegel, editor of the Men's Club *Memo*, who is constantly on the phone to remind members to "be on time for the minyan."

Others who have been active in keeping the minyan service a permanent feature are: Harry Dubin, president of the Men's Club, Theodore Meistrich, second vice-president, Julian Jacobs, treasurer, and Harvey Glasser, corresponding secretary. To all these loyal members goes a vote of gratitude.

— Abraham Stangel



Candle Lighting Time:

Friday — February 19 — 5:15 p.m.

Friday — February 26 — 5:23 p.m.

Purim Party - March 12

The congregational Purim party will take place on Saturday evening, March 12, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lenberg Auditorium. All members of the Park Avenue Synagogue are urged to reserve the date for this annual affair—one of the highlights of the year. Complete details will appear in the next BULLETIN, but, in the meantime, please set aside the date and plan to join in the celebration of the Purim Festival on Saturday, March 12.

United Jewish Appeal — Life-Line to Freedom

Anti-Semitism is in the headlines once again. Fortunately, the malevolence which began in Cologne has been repudiated by most of the responsible governments involved. The very fact, however, that this danger has recurred at a time of seeming calm shows how deep-rooted an ill it is—and reminds us that, even in 1960, thousands of Jews are living precariously in a hotbed of antagonism.

Today, the world Jewish community is prepared to act and to help. Through the United Jewish Appeal, we can bring aid to the needy and the homeless and move them to Israel and to other democratic lands.

UJA is the only hope of thousands who hover on the borderline of despair today, a despair caused by the hate-filled atmosphere in which they have lived for years. It is the life-line to those in East Europe, and to the thousands in North Africa, who rely on UJA for the medical care, clothing and food which they need to survive, but can get *only* from our agencies.

For Jews in twenty-five countries of the world, UJA is a mighty shield against despair, and a vital link to life and freedom. Our gifts to UJA's regular campaign and its special fund will tell 600,000 human beings that we are ready and eager to help. Our unprecedented generosity will show modern-day hatemongers that we are prepared to save the weak, protect the helpless, and welcome the homeless with open arms.

Mrs. Abel Phillips, chairman of Sisterhood's UJA committee at our synagogue, and Mrs. Benjamin Sack, UJA chairman for Manhattan organizations for the Women's Division, urge you to contribute to this humanitarian cause.

We Take Pride In - - -

Mr. Barney Balaban, our member, who served as honorary chairman of the Federation Amusement Division dinner held recently at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Judge Louis I. Kaplan, our member, Commissioner of Investigation, for his current efforts to clear up city-wide rackets in the Bureau of Weights and Measures. The most recent of these fraudulent practices is the fuel-oil delivery racket.

Judge Irving R. Kaufman, our member, trial judge who sentenced the Apalachin group. This represents a victory over organized crime by the United States.

Mr. Arthur B. Krim, our member, who was recently appointed chairman of Federation's Amusement Division for the 1959-60 campaign.

Needed: Prayer Books For Our Junior Congregation

Very often our congregants, eager to make a contribution in gratitude for a happy occasion or perhaps in memory of a dear departed one, have asked the synagogue for suitable suggestions.

With this in mind, we would like to suggest a much needed gift—prayer books to be used by the first grade of our Junior Congregation. The books, of course, will be appropriately inscribed, and you can feel assured that they will be a most appreciated gift.

For further information, please call the synagogue office (EN 9-2600).

Bi-Weekly for Teen-Agers

Our Age, a bi-weekly magazine designed primarily for teen-agers in congregational schools and USY groups and issued by the United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education in cooperation with the National Youth Commission of the United Synagogue, is now in its second month of publication.

An eight-page publication, attractively illustrated, *Our Age* features news items of interest to Jewish teen-agers, stories and reviews of films, books and records.

Information regarding subscriptions may be obtained by writing to the United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education, 3080 Broadway, New York.

Sisterhood Activities Open Meeting - March 15

Sisterhood's next open meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 12:30 p.m. As usual, coffee and cake will be served before the meeting. We have a special treat in store for you that afternoon. Our own Mrs. Judah Nadich, who unfortunately was prevented by illness from giving us a book review earlier this year, is going to review several books of Jewish interest at this meeting. She will discuss trends in the Jewish scene in America, Israel and Europe. Those of you who were privileged to hear previous book reviews by Mrs. Nadich know what a treat is in store. For those who have not, this is an experience not to be missed. Remember the date, Tuesday, March 15.

Mrs. Marvin Spiegel, chairman of Sisterhood's 1960 Federation committee, would like to thank all of the workers on her committee for their cooperation in helping to make this year's drive a success.

Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, president of Sisterhood, has announced the formation of a Bazaar committee headed by Mrs. Mack H. Fieber. The Bazaar, to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 3, 4 and 5 in the Lemberg Auditorium, is for the benefit of the Special Fund of the United Jewish Appeal for the resettlement of the thousands of Jews brought to Israel. By now, you have no doubt received requests in the mail or by phone for merchandise. Please cooperate and give as generously as possible to this worthy cause.

Assisting Mrs. Fieber are: Mrs. Samuel Wimpfheimer and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, co-chairmen; Mrs. Ted Meistrich, chairman of merchandise; Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum, co-chairman of merchandise; Mrs. Harold Levin, chairman of treasure chest; Mrs. Jacob Starr, chairman of the dining room; Mrs. Charles Bennet, booth arrangements; Mrs. Paul Bercu, chairman of collections; Mrs. Mortimer Millheiser and Mrs. Paul Bercu, treasurers; and Mrs. David Altschul, publicity.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Dr. Olson, Yale Research Director, to Address Men's Club - February 23

Dr. Bernhard E. Olson, director of The Yale Intergroup Research Project at the Yale Divinity School in New Haven, will address the Men's Club of the Park Avenue Synagogue at 8 p.m., February 23, on the subject, "How Do Protestant Textbooks Portray Jews?"

His talk will be based on a recently completed seven-year study of Protestant lesson materials. Dr. Olson did the research and issued a report of over seven hundred pages on the subject. It includes an analysis of how various religions, races, and ethnic groups are viewed in religious education texts.

An ordained minister and a member of The New York Conference of The Methodist Church, Dr. Olson served a number of parishes before joining the Yale faculty as research associate in 1953. His specialty is religious education, and he holds a Ph.D. degree in this field from Yale University.

Everyone is urged to attend this meeting. It should be particularly interesting, especially now in the light of recent world-wide events involving synagogues and Jewry.

— Andrew Fier

Won't You Join The Sewing Group?

Every Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 3 p.m., a group of our synagogue ladies meet in the Milton Steinberg House to transform pieces of material into beautiful dresses, blouses, toys and even stuffed animals. These creative ladies form the Sewing Group whose newest project is to make garments for children in the Village of the Blind in Israel.

Mrs. Louis Greenstein, chairman, and Mrs. Harold Osserman, co-chairman, urge you to join the group. Your time will be spent beneficially as well as pleasantly.

Parents Association Open Meeting - March 2

The Parents Association will hold its open meeting, to which all congregants and their friends are invited, on Wednesday evening, March 2, in the Lemberg Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. The guest speaker, John Brinley, a family counselor of the Jewish Family Service, has had extensive experience with children. He has chosen for his topic: "Are Parents Too Over-ambitious for their Children?" Following his talk, there will be a question and answer period on this provocative subject which should be of interest to all parents.

Mr. Brinley received his B.A. degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, also his M.A. in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania. He has been active for many years with the Jewish Board of Guardians.

Under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Robert Altman, there will be a Purim workshop designed to help make the celebration of this Festival more meaningful in the home. The exhibit will include various ceremonial traditional objects pertaining to Purim, pamphlets with instructions on home observance, recipes for food, decorations and games.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting, and a social hour will follow.

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The Parents Association wishes to thank the following mothers who have prepared Kiddish for the Junior Congregation: Mrs. Nathaniel Hyman, Mrs. Philip Levin, Mrs. Jacob Oberman and Mrs. Samuel Wick.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer who has been appointed chairman of the United Jewish Appeal for the Parents Association.

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Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund

In the ever-growing list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg, we wish to include Dr. and Mrs. Bruno Foa. To the many friends who have contributed, the committee expresses its appreciation.

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Religious School

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ish tradition and Jewish life so that he will want to develop and function as a Jew in a Jewish community."

— Martin Leichtling

The Sportsmanship Of Religion

Religion, like any good skill, requires constant practice. There is no greater myth than that of the natural-born athlete . . . I received one of the most instructive lessons of my life when I saw the great Rachmaninoff, during a train journey, take a dummy piano board out of his suitcase and practice finger exercises for several hours on end. So in religion, prayer and worship must become regular habits. Even those who find religion in the woods, or at a symphony concert or in doing charity must do these regularly until it becomes an unconscious and smooth response of the entire being . . .

As with sports, so with religion. The rewards are apparent only after a while and the best rewards are incidental by-products. The happiest reward of both religion and sports is the relaxation of the spirit, the renewed and calm energy which it gives one for the routine of his business and for the responsibilities of his home. At their highest, they both reward man by conferring on him the true Sabbath—that is, the equilibrium of the spirit.

— Exchange

Congratulations

Mrs. Anna Edelman upon the birth of a great granddaughter, Rebecca Morris Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grossman upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. William Grossman upon the birth of a daughter, Danielle Juliet.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Horowitz upon the engagement of their daughter, Helen J. to Lieut. Joel Portugal, U. S. N.

Exhibit of Paintings

John Fenton, son-in-law of our own Cantor Abraham Friedman, is currently having an exhibit of his paintings at the Babcock Galleries, 805 Madison Avenue, New York City. The exhibit will continue until February 20.

Among his paintings on display, which have received favorable comment, are: *Women Carrying Laundry*; *Women in a Sailboat*; *Voyage*; *Adam and Eve 1970* and *Beach Nocturne*.

1960 Red Cross Appeal

The Red Cross campaign is again under way in its 1960 appeal for funds to enable Americans to do their part in the common cause of "neighbor helping neighbor."

As in previous years, Mrs. Edward Munves has been appointed chairman of the Red Cross Committee for the synagogue. Mrs. Munves urges you to make your contributions to this worthy cause through her committee. If, however, you have already contributed through other sources, she hopes you will send a token gift to the synagogue committee so that the Park Avenue Synagogue can show a high average on the list of donors in the religious group.

Please send your contribution to Mrs. Edward Munves, chairman of the Red Cross appeal, at the synagogue office 50 East 87th Street, New York City.

"We are always getting ready to live, but never living."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

About Legacies

Almost every individual who owns property or who has some form of income makes contributions to charitable or religious causes. The amounts of such contributions range from a vast number of small payroll deductions to the large charitable foundations or charitable trusts established by corporations and well-known philanthropists.

A contribution to the Congregation is usually motivated by desire to aid and benefit its work in influencing and making stronger the spiritual lives of the contributor, his family and descendants. Entirely apart from any desire or obligation to help the Congregation, there is another practical factor—income and estate tax deductions allowed for such contributions.

Regardless of the degree of wealth or the size of a contribution, there is also a satisfaction in giving—especially when a contribution will help so much to maintain the Congregation as an independent organization which stands for individualism and freedom.

A legacy to the Congregation will provide greater protection for tomorrow's community and added security for its families and satisfaction in the knowledge that one has provided today for progress in years to come.

Jewish Museum Acquires New Paintings

Two paintings, "Moses and the Tablets," by Ben-Zion, and a portrait of Sir Moses Montefiore by George Da Maduro Peixotto were recently presented to the Jewish Museum of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 92nd Street and Fifth Avenue.

The "Moses" was given to the Museum by Herman L. Blum of New York City. The portrait of Sir Moses Montefiore, renowned British communal leader and philanthropist, painted in his hundredth year (1884) was acquired for the Museum by Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Moses of New York City. The artist, George Da Maduro Peixotto, is well known for his portraits of distinguished subjects which include President William McKinley, John Hay and Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite. Both paintings will be placed on permanent display.

The Jewish Museum of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America is open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free at all times.

Condolences

Mr. Nathan Appleman upon the death of his mother, Anna R.

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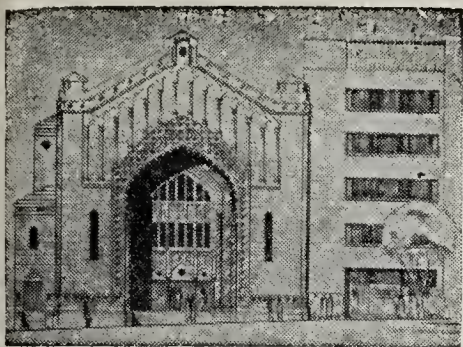
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Annual Purim Party Begins with Reading of Megillah - Saturday - March 12

Party to Feature Top Entertainers

Purim, a festival of rejoicing, will be celebrated at the Park Avenue Synagogue on Saturday evening, March 12. The service will begin at 7:45 p.m. in the main synagogue with the reading of the Megillah. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by Hazzan Abraham Friedman, will officiate at the service. Ten members chosen from those who have joined the synagogue during the previous year will read portions from the *Book of Esther*.



ELLY STONE

At the conclusion of the service, the Purim Party will take place in the Lemberg Auditorium. Featured on the program are several artists, among whom will be Miss Elly Stone, a singer who has been heard regularly on TV, radio, films, records and concerts. Miss Stone sings Israeli songs, continental and folk songs in a charming, sensitive manner. Of her appearances on WNBC-TV, Mr. John Grogan, program director, says: "I have rarely seen a one time appearance arouse so much genuine excitement and interest—her range of song and dramatic interpretation makes her a must for TV."

The program will also feature the lovely singer-guitarist, Ruth Jacobson, and the talented Israeli pianist, Chaya Freund. Ruth Jacobson, who made her debut at Carnegie Hall when she was sixteen, was influenced to become a folk-singer by the folklorist, Dr. Harold Thompson, when she studied at Cornell University. Miss Jacobson has appeared on many TV and radio shows. She has toured in London, Stockholm, Madrid and Paris where her singing of folk songs in French, Italian, Spanish, Ger-



**RUTH JACOBSON
and
CHAYA FREUND**

man and Russian proved extremely popular.

Chaya Freund, a native of Israel, studied music at the Haifa Music Institute and later at the Jerusalem Academy of Music. In the War of Independence, she served in the Army Signal Corps, and also toured with an entertainment unit performing for Haganah troops. After the war, to further her education, Miss Freund came to America where she studied at the Manhattan School of Music in New York under the well known Dora Zaslavsky. Her artistry at the piano and her interpretation captivates the audience.

In addition to these performers, there will be an exhibition of Israeli folk dancing by a group of young people, many from our synagogue, who have recently participated in the annual dance festival at Hunter College.

Chairman of the Purim party will be Mrs. Emanuel Appelbaum assisted by the following: Mrs. David Altschul, Mrs. Morris M. Cohen, Mrs. Irving Friedman, Mrs. Anna Harrison, Mrs. Herman Helper, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, Mrs. Aaron Schoenbaum, Mrs. Albert Siegel, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

— RMR

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, March 4 8:30 P.M.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"PROSPECTS FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL"**

Saturday Morning, March 5 9:30 A.M.

Annual Youth Sabbath Service

Friday Evening, March 11 8:30 P.M.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"JEWISH HUMOR—MIRROR OF THE JEWISH MIND"
A Purim Discourse**

Saturday Morning, March 12 9:30 A.M.

**Bar Mitzvah of Paul Seth Forster
son of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Forster**

Sermon by the Rabbi each Sabbath morning
*The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich
and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the
synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ*

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Purim - Its Significance and Observance

Purim, the festival which occurs on the 14th of Adar (the twelfth Hebrew month), falls this year on Sunday, March 13. It reminds one of the deliverance of the Jewish people from serious danger in the remote past.

Haman, the prime minister of the Persian king, Ahasuerus, wished to have all the Jews of the Persian empire killed because he believed that one Jew, Mordecai, had failed to bow down before him. However, his plan was frustrated by Mordecai with the aid of his cousin, Esther, who had been chosen by Ahasuerus to be his queen. The 13th of Adar was determined by lot for the destruction of the Jews. However, on this day, the Jews defeated those who attacked them and, therefore, celebrated their victory and their deliverance from danger on the 14th of Adar. Mordecai and Esther decreed that the festival of Purim should be celebrated joyfully by a festive meal and by the exchange of *Shalach-mones*, gift giving and special remembrance of the poor. The detailed story of these events is contained in the Megillah (the Scroll or Book of Esther).

It is the custom to read the Megillah on the evening before the holiday and again on the morning of the holiday. In the synagogue, there is usually a large attendance of children at the reading of the Megillah, and all those in attendance at the service carry the traditional whirling rattles, called groggers. After the evening prayers, the reading of the Book of Esther begins with the customary blessing over a scroll and the chanting of the opening verses in a special musical mode heard only on this holiday. The reader chants through the chapters and each time the name of Haman is mentioned, those present, especially the children, stamp, pound and whirl the groggers—noisily and wildly.

Rabbi Nadich to Speak On Radio - March 14

Rabbi Judah Nadich will be interviewed by Mrs. Ruth Jacobs on THE JEWISH HOME SHOW over station WEVD (FM 97.9 AM 1330 kc) on Monday, March 14, at 12:15 p.m.

Mrs. Jacobs will discuss with Rabbi Nadich the new book, THE FLOWERING OF MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE by Menachem Ribalow, which the rabbi translated and edited.

The book continues to receive favorable reviews. The most recent ones have appeared in the B'nai B'rith *National Jewish Monthly*, the *Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis*, *Conservative Judaism*, *Israel Today* and *Ittim Krovot*, the Israeli daily newspaper.

The Purim story contains all the elements of a typical romance: a simple girl (Esther) made queen as the result of winning a beauty contest; a plot to kill a king; a conspiracy to ruin a people unjustly accused of not keeping the king's laws and, finally, a triumphant downfall of the conspirator and the ultimate vindication of right.

The customs associated with the holiday reflect its melodrama: the villain is mocked by the derisive sounds of groggers and hissing during the reading of the Megillah, and three-cornered Purim delicacy, *hamantashen*, symbolic of Haman's hat, is eaten.

The very stereotype elements of the Purim narrative transmit an historical incident into a talisman of hope. The patterned nature of the events of the Purim story permits identification by each generation to its own problems, since in every age there has been no absence of unjust accusers, and the corresponding need for vindication.

The events of Purim are placed in the 5th century B.C.E. during the reign of Xerxes (Ahasuerus, in the Hebrew). Although some 2,400 years have intervened, the hand of hope held out by Purim has been extended during the long years of dispersion, persecution and return.

Clarence S. Barasch
For the Cultural and Religious
Activities Committee of the
Men's Club.

Young People Conduct Sabbath Service - Mar. 5

The service in the main synagogue on Saturday morning, March 5, will be conducted by the teen-age youth groups of the Park Avenue Synagogue. The young people will conduct the entire service including the sermon, Torah reading and cantorial portions. They have been advised by Rabbi Judah Nadich, Hazzan David J. Putterman and Hazzan Abraham Friedman, under the general direction of Mr. Mel Libman, club leader of our Youth Activities program which is under the general supervision of Mrs. Herman Helpert, chairman, and Mr. Irving Goldberg, youth director. Most of the teen agers are graduates of our Religious School, and are now members of our United Synagogue Youth groups.

Among the participants in the service will be the following:

Cantors: Don Bachman, Stanley Kurzwil, Jeff Mehlman.

Introduction to Torah reading: Lynn Ellinson.

Reading from Torah: Dave Alberts.

Introduction to Haftarah reading: Kathy Chandler.

Haftarah reading: Susan Carr.

Ashrei: Ruth Jacobs.

Sermon: Jeff Mehlman, "The Role of the Youth Program in a Synagogue."

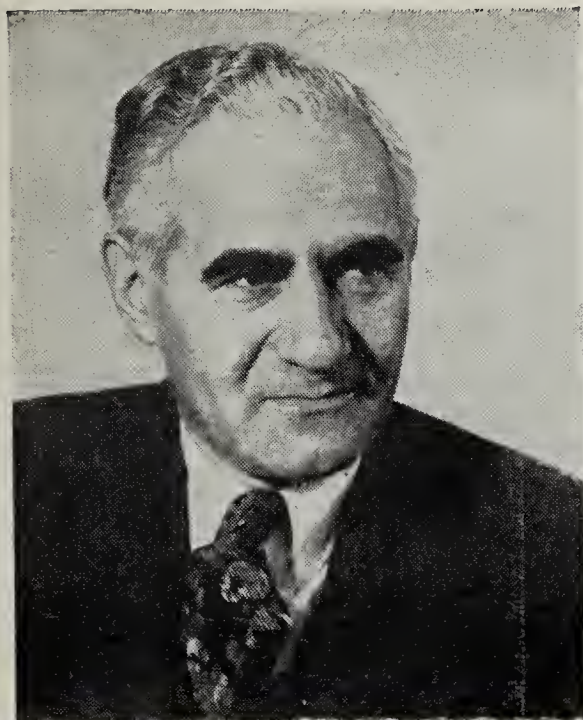
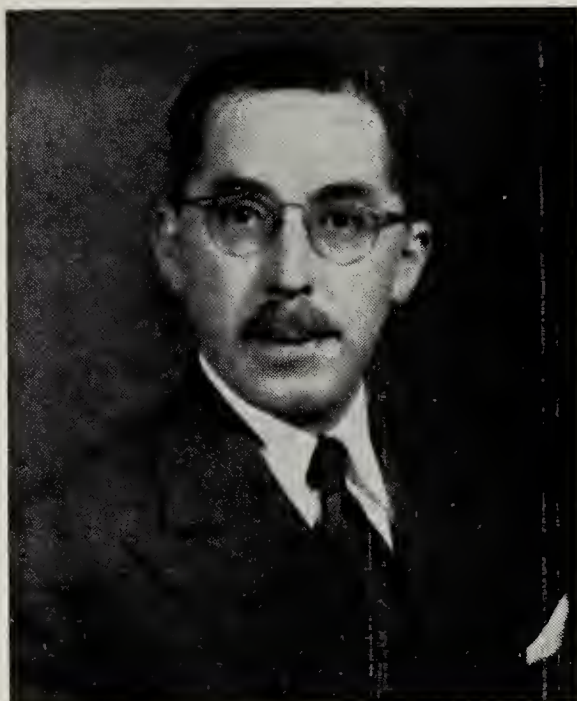
Junior Rabbi: Mark Siegel.

Gifts - Scroll and Yad To be Used on Purim

The *megillah* to be used at the Purim service on Saturday evening, March 12, is a scroll recently presented to the congregation by Messrs. Benjamin and Isidor Sack. This scroll is approximately 80 years old and was evidently written by a scribe in eastern Europe. The case containing the scroll is of particular interest, because it is made of a very fine grade of cedar wood, and is of an unusual styling.

The *yad* to be used during the reading of the *megillah* is a lovely silver filigree pointer given to the congregation by Dr. and Mrs. Milton Helpert and inscribed in our congregational records as a gift "to honor Hannah and Abraham Liebovitz, from their grandchildren, Bill and Nancy, Stuart, Ed and Nancy, Alice, Susan and great-grandchild, Vicki Hannah."

Expressions of gratitude to the donors of these gifts will be made at the Purim service.

**HON. BERNARD BOTEIN****HON. SIMON RIFKIND**

Plans for Tenth Yahrzeit Service in Memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg on Friday, March 18

This is the third in a series of four articles to appear in the BULLETIN to inform our congregants of the plans for the tenth Yahrzeit in memory of our late beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg to be observed at the Friday evening service at our synagogue on March 18, 1960 at 8:15 p.m. In this issue, we present a study of two of the participants: Judge Bernard Botein and Judge Simon H. Rifkind.

Hon. Bernard Botein

Hon. Bernard Botein, a former chairman of our Board of Trustees and at present an honorary trustee, will be one of the speakers at the Tenth Yahrzeit Service in memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg. In his talk on "Milton Steinberg's Capacity for Friendship," Judge Botein will point out the significance and importance of that capacity in Rabbi Steinberg's relation to his friends.

Born and educated in New York, Judge Botein, a graduate of the College of the City of New York and of Brooklyn Law School, was admitted to the Bar in 1926. District Attorney of New York County from 1929-1936, Judge Botein headed the city-wide accident fraud investigation and was influential in bringing about drastic reductions in automobile insurance rates.

In 1941, he was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court by Governor Lehman, and in 1942 he was elected Justice of the Supreme Court, First Judicial Department. Next up the ladder of success came Judge Botein's appointment by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division. In 1958, Gov. Averill Harriman appointed

him presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department.

Judge Botein is the author of "The Prosecutor" based on material drawn from his personal experience; "Trial Judge," a behind-the-bench treasury of wonderful life pictures. He is also the author of numerous articles in law reviews and insurance periodicals. He was a pioneer in the development of impartial medical testimony in personal injury cases.

Chairman of many committees of the Association of the Bar, Judge Botein is a Cardozo lecturer for 1960.

Hon. Simon H. Rifkind

Hon. Simon H. Rifkind, a former member of our Board of Trustees for many years, has long been identified with the synagogue. As far back as 1946, he was honored as Hatan Torah, Bridegroom of the Torah, for distinguished service in the field of synagogue, Jewish and communal affairs.

Judge Rifkind, who knew Rabbi Milton Steinberg well, will be one of the speakers at the Tenth Yahrzeit Service on March 18 in Milton Steinberg's memory. For his topic, he has selected: "A Pupil Remembers his Teacher."

A graduate of the College of the City of New York in 1922, and from Columbia Law School in 1925, Judge Rifkind has had a distinguished career in the field of law. Soon after his admittance to the Bar, he became legislative secretary to U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner. In 1941, he was elected U. S. District Judge.

A few years later, Judge Rifkind was appointed advisor to General Eisenhower, who was then commanding general of the U. S. Forces, European Theatre. In 1946, he occupied the same position with General McNarney, who succeeded General Eisenhower. For his outstanding service, Judge Rifkind was awarded the U. S. Army Medal of Freedom.

A distinguished scholar, Judge Rifkind is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and an honorary member of Zeta Beta Tau. He holds an honorary degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Judge Rifkind is active in many philanthropic organizations among which are the Jewish Theological Seminary and the American Jewish Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York.

— RMR

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

For Milton Steinberg Tenth Yahrzeit

Friday, March 18—8:15 p.m. — Friday Evening Service at the Park Avenue Synagogue dedicated in memory of Milton Steinberg.

Friday, March 18—10:35 p.m. — Broadcast in his memory on WMCA Radio Station (570)

Sunday, March 20—12:30 p.m. — Eternal Light Program—WRCA Radio (660) to present **As a Driven Leaf**, based on a novel by Milton Steinberg. Rabbi Judah Nadich to be guest speaker; Hazzan David J. Putterman to sing the introductory music.

Sunday, March 27—9:30 a.m. — Broadcast in memory of Milton Steinberg on WINS (1010) Radio Station.

Tuesday, March 29—5:45 p.m. — Appleman Chapel Service (Kaddish to be recited on the evening of the Hebrew date of the Yahrzeit of Milton Steinberg.)

Wednesday, March 30, afternoon — Convention of Metropolitan Region of Rabbinical Assembly of America at Park Avenue Synagogue. Kaddish to be recited at Minyan Service in memory of Milton Steinberg.



The Purim Window of Milton Steinberg House

Since we are to celebrate the Festival of Purim very soon, we thought that our congregants would be interested in the interpretation of the holiday as pictured on the unique stained glass Purim window of the Milton Steinberg House.

Designed by Adolph Gottlieb, well known painter, "the stained glass facade," says Stuart Preston, art editor of the *New York Times*, "is said to be the largest such concentrated area in the world." Made up of colored glass panels in brilliant purple, blue, gold and scarlet, the design depicts the ancient sym-

bols of Jewish thought and ritual.

The entire panel of the Purim window is a partially unrolled scroll which suggests the story of its origin. On the scroll are pictured a dreidle, roulette wheel, symbols of lots drawn for the date of the planned Jewish extermination, the noose which ended Haman's wicked plot, even the noise maker with which the Jews celebrated Haman's death. Finally there is an array of *hamantaschen*, the traditional cake served on Purim.

— RMR

Reminder of March Events

Wednesday—March 2—8:00 P.M.

Parents Association Meeting
John Brinley, Jewish Family Service
"Are Parents Over-Ambitious for Their Children?"

Saturday—March 5—9:30 A.M.

Youth Sabbath

Saturday—March 12—7:45 P.M.

Annual Purim Party

Tuesday—March 15—12:30 P.M.

Sisterhood Meeting—Mrs. Judah Nadich: Book Reviews of Jewish Interest

Friday—March 18—8:15 P.M.

Tenth Yahrzeit Service in memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg

Monday—March 21—8:30 P.M.

Business Men's Seminar—Rabbi Judah Nadich will discuss ethical principles found in the Talmud and in the Code of Maimonides

Tuesday—March 22—8:30 P.M.

Men's Club Open Meeting

Wednesday—March 2-9-16-23-30

Hebrew Course sponsored by the Adult Education Committee and the Parents Association at 1:30 p.m.

A Note of Thanks

A new memorial window has recently been installed in our synagogue in memory of our late beloved friend and colleague, Nelson Ruttenberg.

The Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Committee is deeply grateful to the numerous and generous contributors from among our congregants and friends who made this memorial possible.

Mrs. Benjamin Sack, *chairman*
Mrs. Herman Helpert
Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer

A really great man is known by these signs—generosity in the design, humility in the execution and moderation in success.

Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund

In the ever-growing list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg, we wish to include Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaye. To the many friends who have contributed, the committee expresses its appreciation.

Seminar on March 21 For Businessmen

The first of three seminars for businessmen in Jewish ethical teachings will take place on Monday evening, March 21, at 8:30 p.m. Succeeding seminars will be held on Monday evening, April 25 and on Monday evening, May 23.

Successful seminars of a similar nature have been given by Rabbi Nadich in the recent past for judges and lawyers and for doctors. The last session of the Doctors Seminar was so crowded that the capacity of the Library was filled to overflowing, and several members of the group had to be seated in the hall.

In the forthcoming *Seminar for Businessmen*, Rabbi Nadich will discuss the teachings of the Bible, the Talmud and the Jewish codes and their relevance to the ethical problems that face the modern businessman.

The seminar is open to members of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Sisterhood Activities Open Meeting - March 15

On Tuesday, March 15 at Sisterhood's open meeting, Mrs. Judah Nadich will review several books of Jewish interest. This promises to be a very stimulating afternoon and you all are urged to attend and bring your friends.

Mrs. Mack H. Fieber, chairman of the Bazaar Committee, requests your cooperation in securing merchandise. The Bazaar is for the benefit of UJA. All kinds of merchandise is needed. Do you have any white elephants hidden in your closets? This is the time to get rid of them—and then come to the Bazaar on May 3, 4, and 5 in the Lemberg Auditorium and buy someone else's white elephant!

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Mrs. Milton Heller, chairman of Ceremonial Objects, would like to remind you that Purim and Passover are rapidly approaching and that now is the time to plan to enhance and beautify your holidays with the new and interesting ceremonial objects for sale at the synagogue.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Candle Lighting Time:

Friday — February 26 — 5:25 p.m.

Friday — March 4 — 5:32 p.m.

Religious School News of Interest to Parents

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Faculty is proud to announce that a number of former students in our Religious School are among those who have been listed recently as Regents or State Scholarship winners. The scholarship grant from \$200 to \$750 per annum for four years is awarded by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to those who qualify after taking an extensive competitive examination given to high school seniors throughout the state.

Our congratulations to Ronald Nieburgs, Harry G. Pincus, James A. Rome, Jeri Rosner, and Eric N. Shullman. Miss Rosner is serving as a student-teacher in the Primary Department of the Religious School.

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PLANNING FOR PURIM

The Religious School is planning an extensive program to celebrate Purim. On Saturday, March 12 at 4:45 p.m., the children will listen to the reading of the Megillah in the main synagogue. Groggers and *hamantashen* will be distributed to all who attend.

The next morning, Sunday, March 13, the Annual Purim Carnival will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon. The students dressed in holiday costume will participate in the many games of skill sponsored by the individual classes of the school. The money made at the carnival will be given to the *Keren Ami* fund and will be distributed by the students at the end of the school year to various philanthropic causes.

EDUCATORS ASSEMBLY

TO CONVENE MARCH 27-30

The eighth annual Educators Assembly Convention will be held March 27-30 at Grossinger's Hotel. Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the Religious School, will represent the congregation at the sessions.

The Educators Assembly, the professional association of educators serving congregations affiliated with the United Synagogue, has selected as its theme: "The Next Decade in Jewish Education—Challenge and Promise."

This theme will be explored in talks and workshops devoted to "Developing a consistent Philosophy of Jewish Education," "Jewish Education in Suburbia," "Implications of the National Survey of Jewish Education for Conservative Schools," and "Problems in Bible Teaching."

A unique experiment with a teacher training program, the extension of the school week and the establishment of a Hebrew high school will be among the educational achievements to be hailed by principals from more than one hundred conservative congregations in the United States and Canada, who will attend the convention.

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(KNOW YOUR SCHOOL, a series of articles devoted to a description of the Religious School, will be continued in the next issue of the BULLETIN.)

— Martin Leichtling

Sisterhood Gift To Guild for Blind

The Sisterhood is pleased to announce that the Offering Fund has made a gift of \$576.40 to the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind. Members now have the two-way pleasure of knowing that their many individual contributions to the Fund not only commemorate their personal joys and sorrows and those of their friends, but also provide vital service materials for a new Guild project designed to help find employment for blind people who, at first examination, are found to be unemployable. These urgently needed supplies, made possible by the thoughtful generosity of our members, include dexterity tests, tool chests, chairs and mechanical and electrical equipment, and other basic requirements for the new evaluation center.

The Guild is a non-profit, multi-purpose social agency supported by voluntary contributions and dedicated to serving blind and visually-handicapped people of all ages, races and religions. In addition to the children's school, Guild services include professional casework and counseling; paid job training in sheltered workshops, vocational placement; orientation counseling for the newly blind; over seventy group work and recreation activities; a Home for the Aged Blind in Yonkers, recording and transcribing services; and the country's largest private library of hand-transcribed braille volumes, circulated internationally and the only one of its kind in the United States.

— Frances Peiper

True Religion

The original poem printed below was written by Mrs. Leonard Arkin, one of our members, in tribute to Brotherhood Week.

Call no man Jew or Christian,
Hindu, Moslem, Zen,
Who does not feel within his heart
Love for his fellow men.

For every true religion
Attempts to show the way
To kindness, love and brotherhood
To all men every day.

And if a man does not fulfill
These basic tenets true,
He's not Christian, not of Zen,
Nor Hindu, Moslem, Jew.

— Rose Arkin

For Peace of Mind, Select Your Family Plot Now

As our readers no doubt know, the Park Avenue Synagogue recently purchased cemetery grounds in the Sharon Gardens Section of Kensico Cemetery at Valhalla in Westchester County. The response of our congregants has been most enthusiastic, and many burial plots have already been allocated.

As important a duty as the selection of a family plot should be considered with calm judgment before such a task must be performed under most trying circumstances. In kindness to your loved ones and for your own peace of mind, we urge you to protect your family against life's emergencies long before the need arises.

A phone call to Sidney R. Katz, executive director of the synagogue, will give you complete details about Sharon Gardens, one of New York's finest Jewish cemeteries. Solving this important problem in advance of need is one of the solemn duties of life.

Purpose of A Synagogue

The following article was written by Abraham J. Heschel, professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

What does a person expect to attain when entering a Synagogue? In the pursuit of learning one goes to a library; for esthetic enrichment one goes to the art museum; for pure music to the concert hall. What then is the purpose of going to the Synagogue?

Many are the facilities which help us to acquire the important worldly virtues, skills and techniques. But where should one learn about the insights of the spirit? Many are opportunities for public speech: where are the occasions for inner silence? It is easy to find people who will teach us how to be eloquent; but who will teach us how to be still? It is surely important to develop a sense of humor; but is it not also important to have a sense of reverence?

Where should one learn the eternal wisdom of compassion? the fear of being cruel? the danger of being callous? Where should one learn that the greatest truth is found in contrition? Important and precious as the development of our intellectual faculties is, the cultivation of a sensitive conscience is indispensable. We are all in danger of sinking into the darkness of vanity; we are all involved in worshipping our own egos. Where should we become sensitive to the pitfalls of cleverness, or to the realization that expediency is not the acme of wisdom?

We are constantly in need of self-purification. We are in need of experiencing moments in which the spiritual is as relevant and as concrete, for example, as the esthetic. Everyone has a sense of beauty; everyone is capable of distinguishing between the beautiful and the ugly, but we also must learn to be sensitive to the spirit. It is in the synagogue where we must try to acquire such inwardness, such sensitivity.

To attain a degree of spiritual security, one cannot rely upon one's own resources. One needs an atmosphere where the concern for the spirit is shared by a community. We are in need of students and scholars, masters and specialists. But we need also the company of witnesses, of human beings who are engaged in worship, who for a moment sense the truth that life is meaningless without attachment to God.

The Story Behind the UJA Special Fund

In 1960 for the first time in its twenty-two year history, the problems facing the United Jewish Appeal are not the type that can be headlined in front page newspaper articles. Nevertheless, the problems of our people in Israel and other countries of the world are urgent, so urgent that the United Jewish Appeal is seeking to raise desperately needed funds this year through two drives—its regular campaign and its special fund.

In Israel, persistent misery and want are sapping the vitality of courageous immigrants and impeding their progress toward economic stability. Today, 60,000 immigrants in Israel are still living in slum-like transition camps called *ma'abarot* where they have languished for years. *Ma'abarot* dwellings are squalid, one-room shacks made of tin and canvas, where families with as many as eight or nine members live in sub-standard conditions that breed resentment and drain the vitality of the people. If we are to fulfill the promise of dignity and freedom which brought so many oppressed human beings to Israel, we must move them from these degrading shanty towns into decent, livable housing quarters.

While this problem remains unsolved, fear-ridden refugees are fleeing from many danger spots to Israel and other democratic havens. A vast network of services must be maintained to help these unhappy people find hope and freedom in the countries of their choice. Today we have the opportunity to help save human lives—an opportunity that was denied us during World War II.

Condolences

Mrs. Edward Rand upon the loss of her grandmother.

Mr. Milton Stolitsky and Mr. Samuel Stolitsky upon the loss of their mother.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

Appleman Chapel
of the Milton Steinberg House

Under the sponsorship of
the Men's Club

Birthday Greetings To Our President, Jacob Klein

Normally, members of our congregation are congratulated upon "milestone birthdays" in another space in the columns of the BULLETIN. However, all the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue family would agree that, if an exception were to be made, it should deservedly be done in the case of the beloved president of our congregation, Mr. Jacob Klein. He is held in such universal respect and affection that special note ought to be taken of the fact that his 82nd birthday occurs on March 12.

We wish him the proverbial "until one hundred and twenty." May he enjoy many more years of health, vigor and happiness together with his beloved Gertrude and all the members of his family.

By coincidence, the Purim service will occur this year on the very date of Mr. Klein's birthday, and there will be an opportunity for extending good wishes to him *in absentia*, since Mrs. Klein and he will still be away in Arizona.

From New York to Tucson—where this BULLETIN will reach him—*mazal tov* and many happy returns of the day!

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenberg upon the marriage of their daughter, Joyce Ruth to Mr. Stephen Wotman.

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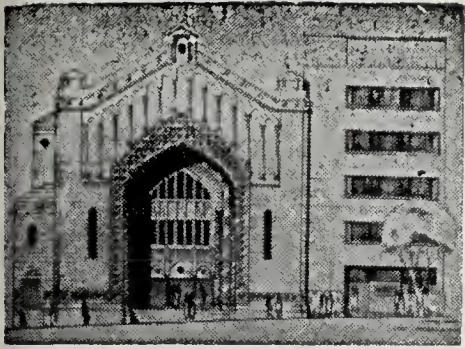
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Rabbi Milton Steinberg (1903-1950) — His Life Was An Inspiration

It is ten years since the passing of our beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg, and yet we might say what Sir Walter Scott once said: "It seems as if one of the stars that illumines and rejoices the earth has been extinguished."

The richness of Milton Steinberg's personality, his gentleness, his humility and his radiant charm won for him the love and esteem of his colleagues, his congregants and his friends. The qualities of his heart and mind made him a unique personality whose influence and inspiration will be lasting.

A graduate of the College of the City of New York in 1924 where he was cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, Milton Steinberg later became an instructor of classical languages at the college, and an instructor of Jewish history and religion at the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America from which he was ordained as rabbi in 1928. He became rabbi of the Park Avenue Synagogue in September 1933 where he served with distinction until his untimely death in March 1950.

A brilliant scholar of broad vision, Milton Steinberg possessed a creative mind and a probing, keen intellect. A man of great faith, he believed that truth was to be found through faith, and that faith must be based on reason.

"A scholar," says Dr. Edmund Morgan of the history department at Yale "is driven by a force as strong as his curiosity, that compulsion to tell the world things he has learned. Scholarship begins with curiosity, but ends in communication — through writing and through speaking."

Milton Steinberg did both through his inspiring lectures and through his timeless books. Through these, he made an unforgettable contribution to American-Jewish thought. His books and magazine articles have given us a legacy of "permanent classics of Jewish thought, remarkable for their lucidity and stylistic beauty." This is a quotation from the eminent author and lecturer, Maurice



Milton Steinberg — his gentleness, his humility, his radiant charm won for him the love and esteem of all who knew him.

Samuel, who calls Milton Steinberg the most brilliant American-born rabbi of his generation.

Milton Steinberg was the author of many fine books. In 1933, he published *The Making of the Modern Jew*. About eight years later, he wrote *A Partisan Guide to the Jewish Problem*, in which he discussed the causes and cures of anti-Semitism. His novel, *As a Driven Leaf*, tells the story of a rabbi of the second century in search of a faith which will give meaning to his life. One of Milton Steinberg's most widely read books is *Basic Judaism*, published in 1947. The posthumous volume, *A Believing Jew*, is a testament of the faith of Rabbi Steinberg.

His contributions to magazines were numerous, and his enlightening articles appeared in *The Journal of Religion*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Nation* and *The Reconstructionist*.

Through his lectures, too, Rabbi Steinberg communicated with the world. In January 1950, just before his death, he

gave four never-to-be-forgotten lectures on *New Currents in Religious Thought*—profound lectures, scholarly and universal in their appeal.

How timely today are Milton Steinberg's thoughts on a variety of subjects! On the quest for happiness, he said: "Happiness is a by-product of the fulfillment of duty, of the realization of function." Of anti-Semitism, he has this to say: "The real source of anti-Semitism lies in the deep-seated social forces, in a heritage of anti-Jewish prejudice through home, school, and church, in economic wretchedness and maladjustment." His conclusions were reached only after all the evidence had been carefully weighed and diligently tested.

He himself taught us that death cannot be and is not the end of life—that man may be immortal through his children; in thought, through the survival of his memory; and ideally, through his identification with the ageless things of the spirit. These are wise words from his *Basic Judaism*.

A student of Greek literature, Milton was also an admirer of the Roman emperor, Marcus Aurelius, whose philosophy Milton believed came closest to Judaism and his own love of God and the graciousness of the Creator.

From Marcus Aurelius, we quote the following passage which Milton had requested should be read at his funeral:

"Man, thou hast been a citizen of this World City. What matters it to thee if for five years or for a hundred? For under its laws, equal treatment is meted out to all. What hardship then is there in being banished from the city not by a tyrant or an unfair judge, but by Nature which settled thee in it?"

Milton Steinberg, during his seventeen years as Rabbi of the Park Avenue Synagogue, communicated to us his ideals and his thoughts. He has left us priceless treasures through his books and his lectures—and so he lives in the hearts of all of us.

— RMR

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Congregational Seder

The *Seder* held annually at the Park Avenue Synagogue will take place this year on Tuesday, April 12. The service will begin at 5:45 p.m. and will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the *Seder* ceremony and traditional dinner in the Lemberg Auditorium. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the Order of the Service and will be assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ.

Although at this printing plans for the *Seder* are not complete, we are sure that our congregants would like to know that the reservations, limited to two hundred persons, will be open to all members of the synagogue, their children and relatives. The price will be \$15.00 for each adult and \$10.00 for each child under thirteen years of age.

Those who have previously attended the congregational *Seders* know how impressive these affairs are—a memorable family evening of good fellowship, ceremonies rich in significance, traditional singing and a wonderful dinner by a leading caterer.

We are very happy, indeed, to announce that Mrs. David J. Mendelsohn will be chairman of the *Seder* this year.

Very soon each congregant will receive a card to be filled out and returned to the synagogue office with the remittance for the desired number of reservations. Because we do not want any member to be disappointed, we earnestly suggest that he does so immediately.



Friday — March 18 — 5:45 p.m.

Friday — March 25 — 5:53 p.m.

Friday — April 1 — 6:00 p.m.

Conference of Rabbis at Synagogue, March 30

On Wednesday, March 30, an all-day conference will bring close to a hundred rabbis to the Park Avenue Synagogue. The occasion will be the annual conference of the Metropolitan Region of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the national organization of Conservative rabbis.

Since the day happens to be precisely the tenth anniversary of the Hebrew date of the death of Rabbi Milton Steinberg, it is especially fitting that so many rabbis will be present to engage in study, discussion and prayer. At the *minhah* service during the early afternoon, the name of Rabbi Steinberg will be memorialized and *kaddish* will be recited in his memory.

The conference will hear papers from Rabbi Samuel Chiel of Malverne and Rabbi Josiah Derby of Rego Park on the current situation with regard to the Jewish education of high school boys and girls. Mr. Charles Altman, a member of the New York Kashruth Commission and chairman of the Board of the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, will speak at the luncheon session together with Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. Rabbi Max Gelb of White Plains will give the president's report, and Rabbi Nadich will preside at the luncheon session.

Luncheon to be Served at Rabbinical Assembly

At the Conference of Rabbis to be held at our synagogue on Wednesday, March 30, luncheon will be served by members of Sisterhood's Executive Board. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green have graciously offered to contribute the cost of the luncheon in honor of our own Rabbi Judah Nadich.

Chairman of the luncheon is Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz; co-chairman, Mrs. Solomon E. Green. At this printing, the following have volunteered to serve: Mesdames Charles Bennet, Paul Bercu, Jack Boneparth, Milton Heller, Harold Levin, Irwin Rome and Samuel Wimpfheimer.

Broadcasts in Memory of Rabbi Steinberg

On Sunday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the National Broadcasting Co. radio network (660) will present *As a Driven Leaf*, based on the psychological novel by our late beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg and prepared for radio by Morton Wishengrad.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will be the guest speaker, and Hazzan David J. Putterman will sing the liturgical music. The *Eternal Light* programs are heard on a coast to coast broadcast by an estimated seven million persons.

Radio Station WINS (1010) will present a broadcast in memory of Rabbi Steinberg on Sunday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

We Take Pride In Our Members - - -

Judge Bernard Botein, who in his recent address — *The Nineteenth Annual Benjamin N. Cardozo Lecture* — given before a meeting of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, urged the "establishment of a legal commission to evaluate the problem of a rapidly changing society and to bring the law into tune with social advances." The proposed commission received acclaim in many newspapers.

Mrs. Albert A. List, co-chairman of the Purim Ball held recently at the Jewish Museum. The proceeds will provide for circulating exhibits and for the purchase of important works of art for the Museum.

Mrs. Benjamin Sack, chairman of Manhattan Organizations for UJA.

Mrs. Jean Schnee, past chairman of the W. D. Executive Committee, who has been appointed associate chairman of the American Jewish Congress Commission on Organization, Women's Division.

Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, 1960 chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal for the third consecutive year.

Mr. Theodore H. Silbert, chairman of the Factors and Finance Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Plans for Tenth Yahrzeit Service in Memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg-Friday, March 18-8:15 p.m.

The letter printed below which our congregants recently received from Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, gives the details of the program for the tenth Yahrzeit Service on March 18 in memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg.

Dear Congregant,

The tenth Yahrzeit of our late beloved Rabbi Milton Steinberg will be observed at the Friday evening service at the Park Avenue Synagogue on March 18, 1960 at 8:15 p.m. I know that all our congregants and their friends will be eager to attend this service in memory of our esteemed teacher and Rabbi who was so dear to all of us.

For this occasion we are planning a most fitting program. Rabbi Judah Nadich will officiate, and Hazzan David J. Putterman will sing the liturgical music. The chairman of the Memorial Service will be Milton Weill, an honorary trustee of our Board, a former vice-chairman of our Board of Trustees, and a close personal friend of Rabbi Steinberg for many years.

We have chosen speakers from the ranks of our members who knew Rabbi Steinberg well and were personally touched by his spiritual influence and his endearing charm.

Hon. Bernard Botein, an honorary trustee and a former chairman of our Board of Trustees, will speak on "Milton Steinberg's Capacity for Friendship." He will point out the significance and importance of that capacity in his relation to his friends.

Arthur A. Cohen, son of one of our trustees, Isidore M. Cohen, is a publisher who has written many articles on theology and Conservative Judaism and most recently, "Why I Choose to be a Jew" as well as a biography of Rabbi Steinberg. Mr. Cohen will discuss: "Milton Steinberg—What has Survived?"

Hon. Simon H. Rifkind, a former member of our Board of Trustees for many years, has selected for his topic: "A Pupil Remembers his Teacher."

An elegy, especially composed for this commemoration by Mr. Jack Gottlieb, a young composer referred to us by Leonard Bernstein, will be sung at the service and will be dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Steinberg.

Selections from "Anatomy of Faith", a posthumous book by Rabbi Steinberg to be published March 20, will be read by Rabbi Judah Nadich.

With warmest regards to you and your family,

I am, as always,

Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman, Board of Trustees

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS

For Milton Steinberg Tenth Yahrzeit

Friday, March 18—8:15 p.m. — Friday Evening Service at the Park Avenue Synagogue dedicated in memory of Milton Steinberg.

Friday, March 18—10:35 p.m. — Broadcast in his memory on WMCA Radio Station (570)

Sunday, March 20—12:30 p.m. — Eternal Light Program—WRCA Radio (660) to present *As a Driven Leaf*, based on a novel by Milton Steinberg. Rabbi Judah Nadich to be guest speaker; Hazzan David J. Putterman to sing the introductory music.

Sunday, March 27—9:30 a.m. — Broadcast in memory of Milton Steinberg on WINS (1010) Radio Station.

Tuesday, March 29—5:45 p.m. — Appleman Chapel Service (Kaddish to be recited on the evening of the Hebrew date of the Yahrzeit of Milton Steinberg.)

Wednesday, March 30, afternoon — Convention of Metropolitan Region of Rabbinical Assembly of America at Park Avenue Synagogue. Kaddish to be recited at Minyan Service in memory of Milton Steinberg.

Hadassah, J. E. C. and Central Synagogue Note Steinberg Service

It is very gratifying, indeed, to note that several congregations have carried notices in their Bulletins about the Tenth Yahrzeit Service in memory of Milton Steinberg on March 18.

From the Bulletin issued by the *Central Synagogue*, we quote:

"Rabbi Steinberg was one of the fine liberal minds of our generation. His untimely passing at an early age was an irreparable loss to the entire Jewish community. . . . It is a privilege to transmit this invitation extended to our members who may wish to attend the service at the Park Avenue Synagogue."

From Dr. Miriam Freund, national president of Hadassah, comes the following:

"In connection with our mid-winter conference, we held a memorial meeting on February 3 at which Rabbi Gerson Cohen and Rabbi Philip Bernstein addressed the group. Several of our own women who had the great privilege of knowing and working with Rabbi Steinberg participated in the observance by giving reminiscences . . . We are calling attention to the Memorial Service for Rabbi Steinberg by making announcements at all our meetings and we are also asking the Milton Steinberg group of the New York Chapter of Hadassah to notify their membership."

From Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, director of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, we quote:

"Milton Steinberg and his works are indelibly imprinted in my memory and in the history of American Judaism in this country. To my mind, no single person was more devoted to our people and to our faith. Certainly few were as articulate as Rabbi Steinberg in delineating the problems, the hopes, the achievements, and the goals of the American Jewish community. The effect of his tragic loss is still deeply felt by every one of us. A token of his worth is the fact that no one has arisen in the decade since his death to take his place as a spokesman for a nascent Jewry in our beloved land."

The 92nd Street Y, of which Rabbi Steinberg was a board member, also noted the special Yahrzeit service at our synagogue on March 18.

Travel Directions to Sharon Gardens, Kensico Cemetery, by Auto

In the adjoining column, you will note a specially prepared road map showing the route from the Park Avenue Synagogue to the Kensico-Sharon Gardens Cemetery.

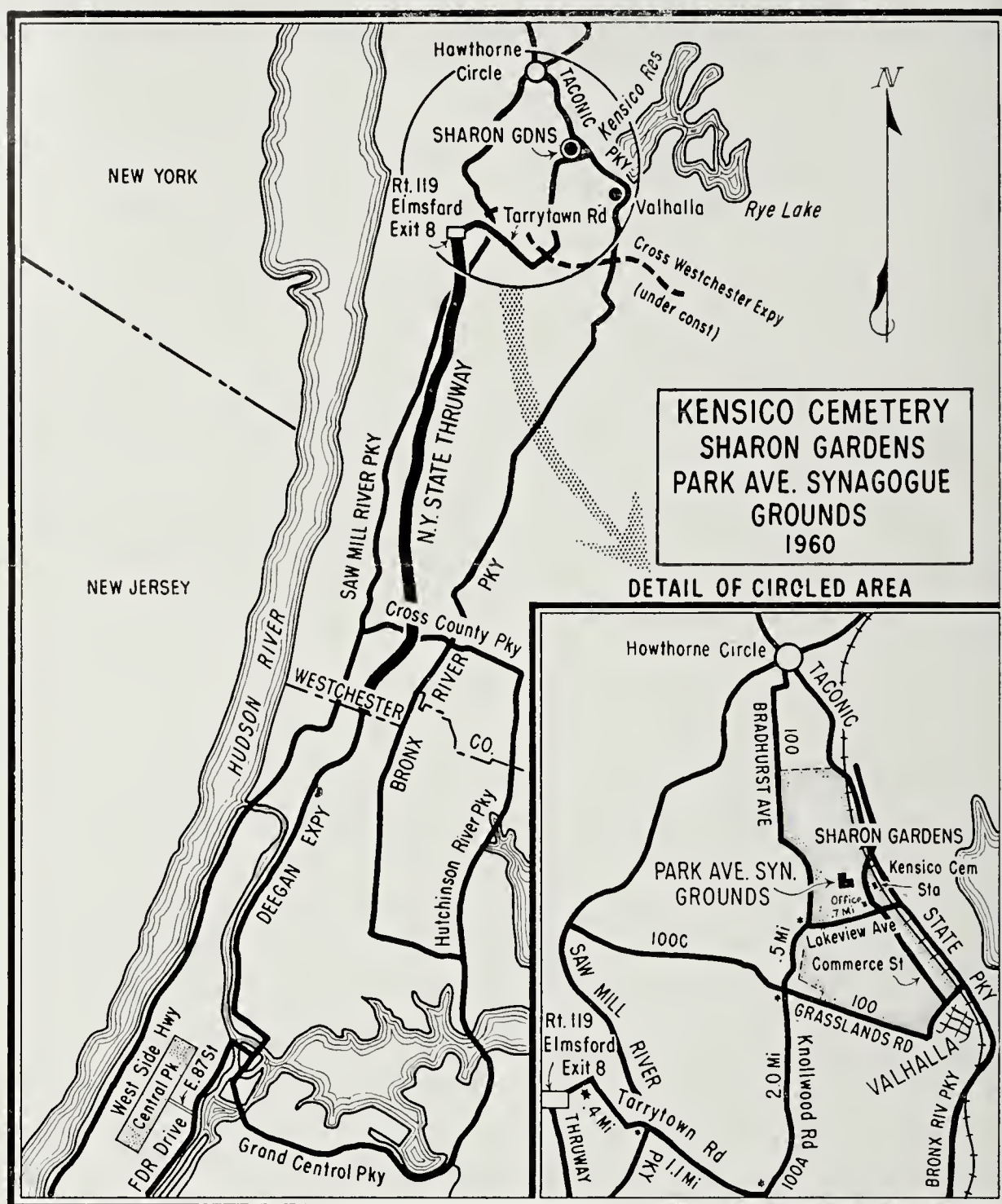
Under favorable road conditions, the trip can be made by automobile approximately in forty-five minutes. Many congregants are familiar enough with Westchester County to select their own itinerary. Perhaps, the easiest route for your first trip of inspection to Sharon Gardens is the following:

GOING: From the Triboro Bridge, take the Major Deegan Highway which very soon becomes the New York State Thruway. Leave the Thruway at Rt. No. 119 Elmsford, Exit 8. You will then find yourself on Main Street in Elmsford, also known as Tarrytown Road. Turn right, and proceed in an easterly direction for one and one-half miles. You should then be approaching an intersection called Knollwood Road, Rt. 100A. Bear right on the service road (do not go under the bridge) and at this intersection make a left turn on to Route 100A. Proceed on this road for approximately two miles. At this point, you will reach an intersection which, when crossed, brings you on to route 100. Continue proceeding north. This road is also called Bradhurst Avenue. After you proceed for five tenths of a mile, you will arrive at Lakeview Avenue which goes in only one direction to your right, easterly. Directly above the Lakeview Avenue sign, there is another one which says *Sharon Gardens*. Proceed on Lakeview Avenue for seven tenths of a mile. This brings you to the office of the cemetery.

RETURNING: Because the Thruway at present has no southbound entrance at Elmsford, it is suggested that you return to New York via Sawmill River Parkway, the entrance to which is in Elmsford. (If you come up via the Thruway, you might note this entrance for your return. An Esso service station is located at the Southbound entrance to the Sawmill River Parkway). It is located on Main Street approximately one and one tenths of a mile from the intersection of route 100A and Main Street in Elmsford. On Main Street, Tarrytown Road, you proceed in a westerly direction until you reach the Sawmill River Parkway, southbound entrance.

The Kensico Cemetery telephone number is: WH 9-0347.

— Sidney R. Katz



The detailed map in the lower right hand corner outlines the itinerary.

Television Programs Of Jewish Interest

The Broadcasting and Film Commission of the New York Board of Rabbis is pleased to announce the following programs on CBS-TV (in New York, Channel 2) under the series title of "Look Up and Live," from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 20: Hundredth anniversary of Theodor Herzl.

Sunday, March 27: Memorial to the composer Ernest Bloch.

Sunday, April 3: Warsaw Revisited—the music of Arnold Schoenberg.

Sunday, April 10: Passover Festival—songs by Theodore Bikel.

Cadillac, Anyone?

Men's Club is about to launch its one and only fund-raising effort of the year. Proceeds are principally for the Milton Steinberg House.

Some lucky, good-hearted individual will drive off in a 1960 "Cad" while helping the Club in its sponsorship of many worthy religious and civic institutions.

Please be as co-operative as you see fit and afford some of your friends and business associates an opportunity to fall into this bonanza when the "Cad" books reach you. The Committee thanks you in advance!

— Harry Dubin

Religious School News

The Hebrew Department

This is the third in a series of articles devoted to a description of the Religious School—its objectives, its structure, its curriculum and its faculty.

Education demands adequate time. To prepare our children to take their places in society as cultured individuals, we contemplate years of study and learning through elementary school, the secondary school, college and even professional or graduate school. The parent who brings his child to the kindergarten looks forward to sixteen to twenty years of formal education for his son. Can we transmit our western culture to our children in less than a program of study that will continue for years?

Jewish education, too, demands adequate time. To prepare our children to take their places in the American-Jewish community as individuals aware of their Jewish heritage, we contemplate a broader educational program than the one-day-a-week school. Experience has shown that only a week-day school, offering classroom instruction of six hours over a period of three days, can hope to approach our educational goals and objectives. It is impossible to transmit an understanding of Judaism in anything less than a program of education that will take the child through the primary school, the elementary school, the high school and the adult study level.

One of the great achievements of the Conservative Movement has been the recognition of the three-day-a-week congregational school as basic to the success of Jewish education. Throughout the country in conservative synagogues and in recent years in liberal reform temples, we have seen the educational program grow. The one-day-a-week school has become only an introductory program for our younger children who are being prepared for admission to the three-day-a-week Hebrew School.

— Martin Leichtling

A foolish man may be known by six things: Anger without cause, speech without profit, change without progress, inquiry without object, putting trust in a stranger and mistaking foes for friends.

(Arabian Proverb)

Parents to Sponsor Passover Workshop

The Parents Association cordially invites you, your husband and your friends to attend a Passover Workshop on Tuesday, April 5, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Rabbi Judah Nadich has graciously volunteered to talk on the special service or *Seder*, its symbols, traditions as well as the narrative of Passover. Hazzan David J. Putterman will be happy to teach the audience some of the melodies sung during the holiday.

Chairman of the workshop is Mrs. Robert Altman who will arrange an authentic *Seder* table with the appropriate decorations, symbols and foods. At this meeting, the audience will have a fine opportunity to learn how to make the observance of Passover beautiful and inspirational.

"And thou shalt tell thy son," says the *Torah*. The Parents Association hopes to help you know the answers to all the questions your child may ask and thus enrich your celebration of Passover.

Parents Association Meeting Evokes Praise

Despite the cold weather, a large group of interested mothers and fathers attended the open meeting of the Parents Association on March 2. The topic: "Are Parents Too Over-ambitious for their Children?" ably discussed by John Brinley, a family counsellor of the Jewish Family Service, evoked many provocative questions. Many of those present said that the meeting was one of the most interesting they had ever attended.

Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president of the association, explained the many activities and aims of the group. Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, chairman of the UJA appeal for the Parents Division, urged the audience to give generously to this worthy cause.

The Parents Association wishes to express its appreciation to: Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, chairman of program and Mrs. Irving Diamond, chairman of hospitality. To Mrs. Robert Altman goes the credit for the effective, colorful Purim Workshop table as well as the attractive refreshment table.

— RMR

Sisterhood Activities

Tuesday, April 26, at an evening meeting, Sisterhood will be hostess to members and their husbands. Once a year an open meeting is held at night to give the men an opportunity to visit with us. This year's program is unusual in that they are participating in it.

An Eternal Light script, "The Way of My Uncle Gedalia" by Sylvia Berger, will be presented. The cast will consist of our Sisterhood members as well as some men recruited from the ranks of the Men's Club. The play will be directed by Frank Papp, who has had considerable experience in this field.

Reserve the date—April 26—and be sure to attend for a most interesting evening.

Sisterhood Bazaar

May 3, 4 and 5 are bargain days—Bazaar days at the Park Avenue Synagogue. In addition to the fun of bargain-hunting, you will also be doing a good deed, since the Bazaar is for the benefit of the UJA.

The Bazaar will open on Tuesday evening, May 3, with a cocktail party and a delicious dinner. Then there will be games with wonderful prizes as well as an opportunity to purchase varied merchandise attractively displayed in booths. Lunch will be served at noon on Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5, on which days the sale of merchandise will continue.

All this activity, however, requires your cooperation. In addition to your presence, we need lots and lots of merchandise. Whatever size package you have, be it large or small, it will be welcome. For pick-up service, please call Mrs. Mack H. Fieber, chairman of the Bazaar, at FI 8-0383.

There will also be a drawing on Thursday, May 5 for a valuable, fine prize—an exquisite, stream-lined Emerson television set with a 17" screen. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Watch for them so that you don't miss the opportunity to win this valuable prize.

— Ethel B. Altschul

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UJA Life-Line Luncheon - March 24 - Hotel Plaza

Tribute to Rabbi Steinberg

During this year of association and identification, we recall the memorable years that our beloved Milton Steinberg was our exalted rabbi, friend, counsellor and inspiration.

For those of us who labored closely with him in the cause of world Jewry and Israel in particular, the past ten years have gone swiftly. How vividly we recall the appeal Rabbi Milton Steinberg made at the UJA function when he shared the platform with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt! How lovingly we associate so many of his precious words with events of today! Who among us who knew or worked with him can fail to remember dozens of occasions when he served as a bridge from grief to peace and from confusion to understanding. As modern as tomorrow, he was nevertheless revered as the traditional rabbi of old who

was believed to possess God-like qualities.

Manhattan Organizations of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal have planned a luncheon as a tribute to Rabbi Steinberg's memory on March 24 at the Hotel Plaza. Featured on the program are Dr. Ruth Gruber, noted foreign correspondent, and the distinguished duo-pianists, Vera Appleton and Michael Field.

The large number of reservations already received for the Life-Line Luncheon is evidence of the desire on the part of Rabbi Steinberg's admirers to participate in the tribute being paid to him.

— Freda Sack

*Chairman—Manhattan Organizations
for UJA*

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, March 18 8:15 P.M.

Yahrzeit Service on

Tenth Anniversary of death of Rabbi Milton Steinberg

Hon. Bernard Botein, Mr. Arthur A. Cohen,

Hon. Simon H. Rifkind, Mr. Milton Weill,

and Rabbi Judah Nadich participating

Elegy, "In Memory Of . . ." by Jack Gottlieb

Hazzan David J. Putterman and choir participating

Saturday Morning, March 19 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Peter Kann

son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Kann

and of Roger B. Lane

son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman G. Lane

Friday Evening, March 25 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on

"External Activity—Internal Passivity:

The American Jewish Scene"

Saturday Morning, March 26 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Brian Ross

son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steigerwald

Friday Evening, April 1 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Nadich will speak on

"Why Is This Holiday Different?"

The Hows and Whys of Passover

Saturday Morning, April 2 9:30 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Jeffrey Ives Glekel

son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Glekel

Sermon by the Rabbi each Sabbath morning

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich

and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the

synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Feldman upon the engagement of their daughter, Leda, to Mr. David Kapralik.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat B. Gerber upon the engagement of their son, Ed, to Miss Gayle Schofield.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hochman upon the marriage of their daughter, Harriet Ann, to Mr. Herbert G. Lane.

Yahrzeit Chapel Service

The tenth anniversary of the Hebrew date of the death of Rabbi Milton Steinberg will be observed with special Chapel services on Tuesday, March 29 and on Wednesday, March 30. The daily service takes place in the Appleman Chapel of the Milton Steinberg House at 5:45 p.m.

Members of the congregation are especially invited to attend these two chapel services when the *kaddish* will be recited in memory of Rabbi Steinberg.

Condolences

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eisenberg upon the death of their son, Ronald.

Mr. Abraham E. Goll upon the death of his mother, Marcia Goll.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service

5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

Appleman Chapel

of the Milton Steinberg House

Under the sponsorship of
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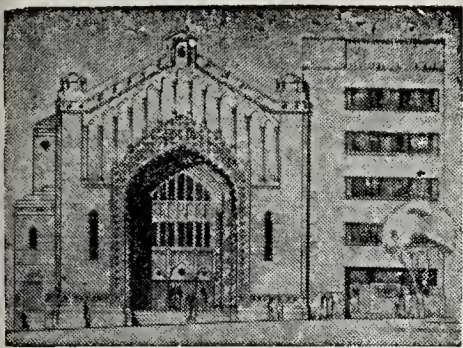
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YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

will be held on the last day
of Passover

Tuesday morning, April 19

Those wishing to memorialize any family member are asked to return the enclosed card to reach the synagogue office no later than Thursday, April 14.

Cards cannot be accepted during the service itself.

Passover Holidays Begin Monday Evening, April 11 Services and Seder To Usher in Celebration

Passover will be ushered in with the evening service at the synagogue Monday evening, April 11, at 5:45 p.m.

The first *Seder* for families in their homes will take place that evening, as is the traditional practice. Certainly it is to be hoped that old and young will gather around the festive table to celebrate the freedom we enjoy, to remind ourselves to be on guard to protect it zealously in our own country and throughout the world.

The educational value of this *Seder*, transmitted from one generation to the next, stems from the fact that all the members of the family join together about the holiday table to reenact the dramatic presentation of freedom's story, to sing the familiar songs and to carry out the cherished rituals. Many of us treasure certain beloved memories because as children we attended the *Seder* in the home of parents or grandparents. Our own children and grandchildren are entitled to the same kind of memories.

The morning services will take place on the first days of Passover, Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m. For the intermediate Sabbath of Passover week the evening service on Friday, April 15, will be at 5:45 p.m., and the Sabbath morning service on April 16 at 9:30 a.m.

During the closing days of Passover the evening services will be at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 17 and Monday, April 18, with the morning services at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 18 and Tuesday, April 19. The Yizkor memorial service will be included in the morning services on the last day, Tuesday, April 19.

The Passover festival itself is a reminder of close ties between American Jewry and Israel. The use of fine quality Passover products from Israel to grace the table can serve as a symbol of these ties. Park Avenue Synagogue members, who contribute so generously to the United Jewish Appeal and buy Israel Bonds, know that still another way to help the people of Israel is by purchasing the products they make.

This year Israel offers *matzot*, wines and liquors, chocolates, candy, dehydrated soups, canned fruits and vegetables, marmalade, candles, Passover plates and other gift ware.

By purchasing Israeli products, Jews of America can have the double satisfaction of enjoying excellent products and at the same time helping to bolster Israel's economy.

Schedule of Passover and Sabbath Services

Friday Evening, April 8 8:30 P.M.

**Dr. Alfred J. Marrow will speak on
"FIGHTING PREJUDICE IN NEW YORK"**

Adult Education Discussion and Oneg Shabbat

Saturday Morning, April 9 9:30 A.M.

**Bat Mitzvah of Therese Stern
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Stern
FIRST DAYS OF PASSOVER**

Monday Evening, April 11 5:45 P.M.

Tuesday Morning, April 12 9:30 A.M.

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Congregational Seder to follow

Wednesday Morning, April 13 9:30 A.M.

INTERMEDIATE SABBATH OF PASSOVER

Friday Evening, April 15 5:45 P.M.

Saturday Morning, April 16 9:30 A.M.

CLOSING DAYS OF PASSOVER

Sunday Evening, April 17 5:45 P.M.

Monday Morning, April 18 9:30 A.M.

Monday Evening, April 18 5:45 P.M.

Tuesday Morning, April 19 9:30 A.M.

including the Yizkor Memorial Service

Friday Evening, April 22 8:30 P.M.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"THE SEETHING CAULDRON OF SOUTH AFRICA"
some personal recollections**

Saturday Morning, April 23 9.30 A.M.

**Bar Mitzvah of Jon Meadow
son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Michael Meadow**

**Dr. Nadich will preach at all Passover and Sabbath morning services
and will officiate with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by
the Synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.**

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Advance Notice On Important Friday Evening Services

The congregation will want to make a note of the fact that among the Friday evening services for the end of the current season there will be the Hebrew School graduation service and the High School graduation on Friday evening, May 6.

The following Friday evening, May 13, when the season of late Friday evening services is brought to an end, will witness the Sixteenth Annual Service of New Liturgical Music by contemporary composers.

Admission to the latter service will be by tickets to be sent to members of the congregation.

Window Inscribed in Lester Martin's Memory

The Park Avenue Synagogue wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Lester Martin for her very generous contribution in memory of her late beloved husband, Lester Martin. A memorial window in the main synagogue will be inscribed in his name.

A philanthropist, the late Mr. Martin was interested in many philanthropic organizations. *The United Jewish Appeal*, *The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies* and *Yeshiva University* were all recipients of his generosity. For many years, he served as president of the Martin Foundation, and as a trustee of the *Grand Street Boys Foundation*. In 1952, the New York Cardiac Home presented Mr. Martin with a scroll in appreciation of his efforts in raising funds for the home.

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die." How applicable are these lines to Lester Martin whose philanthropic good deeds, too, are his memorial!

Passover-Its Significance and Observance

Passover, the festival designated as the "Season of our Freedom" occurs on the 14th of Nisan. This year it falls on April 12 and will be observed through April 19 with the first *Seder* taking place on April 11. It commemorates the emancipation of the Jewish people from Egyptian bondage and their exodus from Egypt.

For more than three thousand years, we have observed Passover with thanksgiving because it marks the end of a dark period of slavery. On the first Passover, in the wilderness on the hot sands of Sinai, freedom was born. The concept of individual liberties was enunciated by a people just one day removed from Egyptian slavery. Today that concept is man's most precious heritage.

Passover is also known as the "Feast of Unleavened Bread." The laws concerning the holiday are considered an axiomatic sign of Jewish loyalty. Every phase of the observance is fastidiously carried out—the ritual of cleaning the home, of destroying leaven, as well as the preparation of the haroses, maror and roasted shank bone—all symbols of the experiences of the children of Israel in Egypt. The house is fragrant with sweet nostalgic odors of the traditional holiday foods. The *Seder* table is beautifully set with shining candlesticks, the haggadah and wine goblets at each place, the *Seder* plate before the master of the house and the cup for the prophet Elijah in the place of honor.

In its systematic way, the Talmud set up an *Order of Service* for the *Seder*. The family and guests—there are always guests—go through the time-honored and fondly remembered ritual: the kiddush, the asking of the four questions, the recital of Israel's woes and of God's might, the Hallel, the delicious first Pesach meal and, finally, the merry songs enjoyed by young and old alike. Thus the *Seder* is the retelling of the exodus story in a dramatic pageant enacted by the family and its guests around a festive table.

Passover holds out the hope for Israel's redemption from exile and dispersal and for future deliverance. This two-fold characteristic of Passover, the Passover of years ago and the Passover of the future, is expressed in poetical insertions of the festival prayer and by the Haggadah, the basis for the *Seder* service.

Seminar on April 25 For Businessmen

The second meeting of the Seminar for Businessmen will take place on Monday evening, April 25, at 8:30 p.m. when Rabbi Nadich will continue his discussion of Jewish classical texts relating to the general subject of ethics in the business world.

Approximately sixty men and women attended the first meeting of the seminar when the rabbi offered an introduction to the series, referring to the new concern within the world of business and management with the ethics of religion. He alluded to the recently published books, *Business and Religion* edited by Edward C. Bursk, and *Big Business and Free Men* by James C. Worthy, as well as to the article by Dr. Louis Finkelstein in *Fortune* magazine entitled *The Businessman's Moral Failure*.

A number of texts were then presented from several Jewish sources including the Talmud, the Code of Maimonides and the *Mekhilta*. These texts illustrate the concern of the rabbis with business ethics and its application to the details of law.

At the session on April 25, the discussion will concern itself with several new subdivisions under the general theme, and there will be greater opportunity for discussion.

The sessions end with the serving of coffee, tea and refreshments. A cordial invitation is extended to businessmen in the congregation to attend the coming session of the seminar, whether or not they were present at the first session.

Preliminary Announcement

Reserve Friday Evening

May 13, 1960

16th Annual Service
of New Liturgical Music
World Premiere

"Lichvod Shabbat"
by Reuzen Kosakoff

Jewish people—wherever they may happen to be—make every effort to observe Passover, at the very least to the extent of participation in the *Seder*.

— Jacob W. Boorstein

For the Cultural and Religious
Activities Committee of the
Men's Club.

Alfred J. Marrow, Industrialist, Sociologist, Chairman of Commission On Intergroup Relations, Guest Speaker - Friday Evening Service - April 8

On Friday evening, April 8, 1960, Dr. Alfred J. Marrow will deliver the fifth of the series of monthly lectures sponsored by the Committee on Adult Education to be given in the Lemberg Auditorium. His lecture will follow immediately upon the close of the regular Friday evening service commencing at 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Marrow's topic will be "Fighting Prejudice in New York". Dr. Marrow is the unique combination of an industrial executive, a social scientist and a public official. His pioneering research in the field of industrial relations is summarized in his books "Making Management Human" and "Living Without Hate."

As chairman of the New York City Commission on Intergroup Relations, he has appeared on many TV and radio programs including those of Mike Wallace, Barry Gray, *Citizens' Searchlight*, *Direct Line*, *Campus Conference*, Bill



Dr. Alfred J. Marrow—industrial executive, social scientist, will speak on "Fighting Prejudice".

Leonard's *Eye on New York*, *Jewish Heritage*, and others.

Dr. Marrow was recently appointed by Governor Mennen Williams and Senator Green as chairman of the Platform Committee of the Nationalities' Division of the Democratic National Committee and will participate in the Democratic Convention to take place in Los Angeles in July 1960.

He is, therefore, well qualified to continue the discussion of inter-group relations so ably presented at earlier Friday evening services by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, Dr. John Slawson, and Mr. Leo Pfeffer.

All members are urged to attend and to invite their friends to hear Dr. Marrow and to participate in the discussion and refreshments which will follow his lecture.

— Peter Miller

Sisterhood Activities During April and May Play—Tuesday, April 26 Bazaar—May 3, 4, 5

These next few weeks will be busy ones for Sisterhood members. From April 26 to May 11, three important programs are scheduled. To all of these, Sisterhood members and their friends are cordially invited.

Tuesday evening, April 26 at 8 p.m. will see the Lemberg Auditorium transformed into a facsimile of a radio station. Sisterhood members and several members of the Men's Club will read an Eternal Light script. "The Way of My Uncle Gedalia" by Sylvia Berger has been chosen because of its charm and flavor of the Old World. The play will be directed by Frank Papp. Invitations will be in the mail soon. In the meantime, remember the date—April 26.

The members of the cast of "The Way of My Uncle Gedalia" are as follows:

The Cast

Uncle Gedalia Archie Thurman
Grandpa Julian Jacobs
Abraham David Altschul
Officer L. Chester Glaser
Beyla Ann Rudell
Registrar Phyllis Siegel
Girl Ruth Boas
Narrator Edna Altman

On May 3, 4 and 5, the Lemberg Auditorium will assume the colorful aspects of a department store with booths and tables displaying attractive and varied merchandise. The occasion is the Bazaar for the benefit of the UJA. It will open with a cocktail party and dinner on Tuesday, May 3, and continue with games and the sale of merchandise that evening. In addition, lunch will be served on Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5, on which days the sale of merchandise will continue. On Thursday, May 5, there will also be a drawing for an Emerson television set. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Be sure to fill in and return your stubs so that you will have an opportunity to win this valuable prize.

Visit to Blind

On Wednesday, May 11, Sisterhood will hold its annual party at the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind in Yonkers. Those who wish to join the group who are going to Yonkers, please call Mrs. Alfred Luebeck, AT 9-2576.

— Ethel B. Altschul

Seder Service Set Gift to Synagogue

A beautiful English bone china *Seder* service set has been presented to the Park Avenue Synagogue by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Cohen in honor of the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. Cohen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cohen.

The set was first seen by the Cohens on a recent Caribbean cruise and, in addition to purchasing one for their own use, they had their synagogue in mind as well. The set consists of a large round platter with individual china containers for the various items used during the *Seder*.

The set will be used for the first time at the congregational *Seder* on the second evening of Passover, April 12, and will adorn the head table at each congregational *Seder* in future years.

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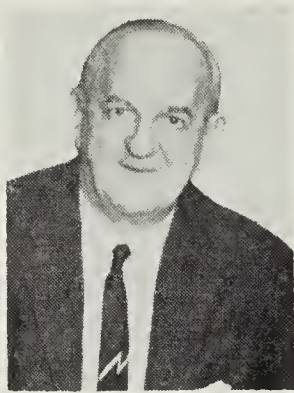
Proceeds go to Scholarship Fund
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AT 9-5500

A Report of the Recent United Synagogue of America Convention

Delegates From Our Synagogue to the United Synagogue Convention



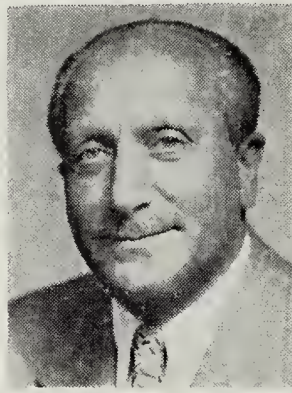
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Congregants of the Park Avenue Synagogue certainly have had, for the first time in our history, an opportunity to be aware of the United Synagogue. This resulted from the recent articles which have appeared in our BULLETIN, and the fact that most of our members now receive the United Synagogue Review.

It was our privilege to attend the convention of the United Synagogue, which ran for four days at Kiamesha Lake, New York. We thought that the members of our synagogue might be interested in reading a report on a number of other interesting aspects of the convention.

The United Synagogue of America is a very important institution. It is the lay, as distinct from the clerical arm of the Conservative movement. It represents the congregations of Conservative Judaism scattered over some forty-odd states of the union and meets in convention assembled every two years. Although it is not universally true of all delegations, by and large one will find some of the ablest and most devoted lay spokesmen for Conservative Judaism present at United Synagogue conventions. What then was accomplished?

Convention Inspiring

To some extent much of what transpires at a United Synagogue convention is in fact primarily inspirational. The feeling of being part of a wide-spread and diverse national and international movement of lay religious leaders comes to one much better not only through the massive assemblies of these conventions, but through the personal and accidental

contacts with Jews from all over our country and from all over the world. The direct association with lay religious Jews gives one a feeling of strength and comfort. It makes one feel that the work of one's own synagogue is part of a broad socio-religious pattern which brings with it not only self-assurance but pride as well.

The inspirational aspects, however, go far beyond that. There are excellent talks. The almost ceremonial biennial address of Rabbi Louis Finkelstein is an experience, once heard, that few would ever want to miss. His talks, always fascinatingly discursive rather than organizedly analytical, lead into courageous and ethical avenues of thought that must be explored by our leadership. This year Dr. Finkelstein, as in the past, led the array of genuinely significant addresses. One had the same feeling of being in the presence of greatness, in the talks we happened to hear, including the speeches of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Rabbi Simon Greenberg. A number of profound and intelligent addresses were made by others at various seminars and symposia.

This much, however, must be noted. For a laymen's convention there were many speeches made by non-laymen, both in the prepared addresses on the program, as well as by discussants as issues developed. This is not necessarily in criticism of the substance of any of the talks. It seemed rather to reflect the fact that the laymen in the United Synagogue of America are not as much in the leadership of this organization as was originally intended by the rabbis and laymen who founded it.

World Council—A Landmark

One of the major, positive, significant events of the convention was the formalization of a World Council of synagogues. This event alone merits the characterization of this biennium as a major event in the life of modern American Jewry. Delegates from South America, Europe and Asia lent not only color but profundity and strength to the deliberations of the convention. Jews who are concerned with the welfare of other Jews the world over, as are we all, must have long felt the need for world religious spokesmen who could speak up in the name of Conservative Judaism on the many problems that beset our Jews scattered all over the world. One must hope that the World Council of Synagogues will ably help to fill this gap. The convention at Kiamesha Lake was the first big step towards filling it—an historic advance, dramatically taken.

Of more than passing interest was the contrasting attitude adopted by the United Synagogue leadership towards synagogue standards when the program discussion took place on the World Council of Synagogues. Here the approach was one of non-rigidity, broadness, and apparent toleration of differences, all sublimated towards the sound objective of achieving world unity within the framework of broad international qualifications, and "codes of standards".

Excellent Program Projection

To say that these conventions have been in large measure inspirational is not to deny that they were, at the same time, organizational and educational.

A whole series of forward-looking resolutions were adopted at a plenary session of the convention. These dealt with a wide range of problems on which, for the most part, similar action had been taken either by the National Women's League of the Conservative Movement or by previous conventions of the United Synagogue of America.

Included among these subjects were strong resolutions on the Arab boycott; discrimination by Arab states and Arab propaganda on a wide range of subjects in the field of Jewish education; the need for sound interreligious relationships; the importance of not using race or religion as tests for public office, and the need for a less exclusionist and less restrictive immigration law.

Of the newer and significant steps taken by the plenary sessions were two major resolutions. One of these, in the tradition of Judaism's quest for peace, called upon the governments of the world to extend indefinitely the ban on nuclear testing, renounce atomic weapons as instruments of national policy and urged the scheduled control and inspected dismantling of weapons of mass destruction. Interestingly enough at virtually the same time, a convention of Reform Congregations, meeting in Miami, adopted a similar resolution.

Women's Rights Advanced

The other novel resolution was one urging the congregations to extend the rights of women in their synagogues. On this subject, the Park Avenue delegation had every reason for special justifiable pride for having practiced for decades what this convention was now urging most congregations to grant: namely, equal membership in the congregation for both men and women, as well as permitting women to sit on the Board of Trustees without necessarily representing Sisterhood. This is a great step forward. It brings to mind a large area of inequality which, in our opinion, is yet to be overcome and leaves one with the hope that the National Women's League which presented this resolution through its president, Mrs. H. Herbert Rossman, is but one of the appropriate agencies in the Conservative movement to further promote and extend the area of religious equality in American Judaism.

Organizational Looseness

Probably the most disturbing aspect of the convention, apart from the question of standards, dealt with what one might characterize as organizational

looseness. This seems to characterize all United Synagogue conventions. Who were the delegates? How many votes were they entitled to have, and on the basis of what per capita payment to the United Synagogue by their congregations? What congregations did they represent? Of course, where there are no problems, these become rather pointless questions. Certainly a real credentials report should have been presented at the opening of the convention, so that the delegates could have adopted the report of a credentials committee and enabled the convention to proceed in parliamentary fashion.

Nor was that all. An election of a major advisory board in the United Synagogue, which is provided for by the United Synagogue by-laws took the form of an announcement by the reporter to the delegates that the two hundred people on this list were too many to read (could the list not have been mimeographed in advance?) and would it be satisfactory if this board was elected by acclamation! In response to a question from the floor, the same reporter was unable to inform the delegates who, in this group of two hundred to be elected, were being named for the first time! The "elections" to the World Council of Synagogues were no less odd, or surely, "informal". The applause following the reading of nominations was publicly construed by the chairman of the convention as constituting election and that was that! Here, too, none of these amenities mattered very much. Yet, casual arrangements and fuzzy organizational procedures can serve only to slow the growth of the United Synagogue in its aim of being a major religious factor in the life of our country, and in dealing with its other all-important goals.

"Personal" Standards Too?

We have no desire to repeat any of the comments and criticism made in earlier articles in our BULLETIN. However, there were other developments at the convention that should be noted. One of the most distressing of these was a resolution which was introduced and referred without recommendation to the incoming administration and its appropriate committees. It dealt with the need for establishing "personal" standards for membership in synagogues affiliated with the United Synagogue of America. This new concept of enlarging the area of standards was circulated for the first time when the plenary session met to act on resolutions. The essence of the proposals of personal standards is contained

in an article which appeared in the autumn 1959 issue of the United Synagogue Review. Primarily what that author and the sponsors of this resolution seemed to propose was that personal standards of observance, of adherence to Jewish ritual, of prayer, ceremony (and ethics, and social conscience?) be criteria for the right to join synagogues affiliated with the United Synagogue of America.

These personal standards as well as the congregational standards represent a two-pronged development. By relying upon national standards, it in fact proclaimed that the laity of our congregations have lost the capacity to lead the synagogues that they head and that they must turn to the United Synagogue of America and to the Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly for their leadership and enforcement powers. It also seems to us to signalize what obviously is not so: namely, that no longer can rabbis teach and educate, but rather through the Rabbinical Assembly, and its Law Committee they will now dictate. It is grossly unfair to undercut the real religious leadership, preaching and teachings of our rabbis, just as it is improper for the lay leadership to abdicate its responsibilities.

It has been the position of our congregation that the self-imposed standards of individuals and the self-determined practices of congregations represent the meaningful and democratic way for decisions of this kind of conduct to be made. If the United Synagogue were to follow its present trend against which we have been protesting and were to admit to its congregational membership only "good Jews" who meet certain predetermined standards who would there be for our rabbis to teach and for our laity to lead? Congregants would be without blemish, and their synagogues would look like very strange institutions indeed!

"Assessment" or "Obligation"

Another major negative development arose more in the course of the clarification and discussion of a resolution than in the intrinsic merits of the resolution itself. An extended and at times heated debate took place relative to the question whether or not every member of every conservative congregation should make a ten dollar contribution each year to the maintenance fund of the Conservative movement from which the Seminary, the United Synagogue of America and the Rabbinical Assembly would benefit.

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A resolution proposed on this subject stated that ten dollars per annum "shall become an assessment." but in reading the resolution, the chairman was authorized to change the language to "shall become an obligation." Many speeches and a few hours thereafter, it became clear that the resolution under discussion had suffered from a built-in confusion. Those who wanted to stand committed by the words "obligation" would pay the ten dollars per member. Those who did not want to be committed by the word "obligation" (especially since that word was a change from the word "assessment" would not pay the ten dollars. This, it developed, was the intended arrangement and, it was explained, not dissimilar from what happens in the new two-dollar per capita dues payment to the United Synagogue of America. Such pre-arranged ambiguities constitute an unfair imposition upon those congregations which take seriously their obligation to the United Synagogue of America. Whatever the tax is, it should be the same for all synagogues rather than prearranged to mean different things to different synagogues.

In the debate, a trenchant criticism was made by a rabbi from the floor of the convention. He pointedly stated that these were major budgetary matters and should be democratically dealt with by each synagogue. Assessments of this magnitude, if in fact they are so intended, should be democratically decided by each congregation of the United Synagogue in a manner in which each adopts its own budgets rather than for the United Synagogue, by its own action, drastically to increase the budgets of affiliated congregations. The entire proposal was finally withdrawn, and the national enrollment plan will proceed as in the past, with the ten dollar contribution voluntarily solicited by the Jewish Theological Seminary on a voluntary basis.

Confusion To Result

It is this kind of confusion of not knowing what is intended even if the proposal is in writing, that lies at the center of the weakness of the standards of educators and synagogue administrators. Professional organizations in the Conservative Movement should adopt their own criteria for the conduct of their members. They should set forth what they aspire to constitute fair and

sound relationships between the professionals of the congregations. It adds nothing but uncertainty to have these suggested guides and criteria "adopted" by the United Synagogue itself. How binding is an "adoption" intended to be? If any congregation is seriously interested in wanting to assess and reaffirm its relationships with any of its staff professionals, or in wanting to hire a new professional, one of the important places from which it could and should secure guidance would be our professional organizations. But synagogues should be left free, as at present, to make their own determinations without any coercion on the part of a central body like the United Synagogue. To impose relationships on a congregation between it and its professionals, is unrealistic and unwise. It is best left only for internal matters and, where mutually agreeable, for arbitrations of occasional disputes.

These experiences demonstrated once again the wisdom of the stand of our Board of Trustees in wanting essentially to transform the present and recently adopted compulsory standards to the status of guides and to eliminate all central coercion, which is so clearly indicated in the standards approved by the 1957 convention.

A Moving Moment

There was one very touching event at the convention which should be noted in concluding this assessment. A lay leader from India, while addressing the convention one evening, stated that he hoped that one of his sons would soon come to the United States to study for the rabbinate at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Within an hour, a small congregation from a New England town through its delegates at the convention, huddled together and announced their decision to under-write the full cost of the lad's rabbinical training—a cost running into many thousands of dollars! This was a very moving moment!

These remarks are not intended as a full and detailed summary of the convention. They are only a composite reaction. The problems of American Jewry are multitudinous and require the unified effort of our leadership. There is a continuing need for the Jewish community to strive to unify its efforts and to strengthen the role of religious leadership in the Jewish people. We have a multitude of tasks to perform and responsibilities to carry out for our own and future generations.

For decades, the United Synagogue of America has amply demonstrated that it is a major instrumentality for the achievement of the good life. By a greater interest in its work on the part of our congregations, we can help to strengthen it to achieve the noble goals toward which it is striving and to which it is dedicated.

Submitted by the delegates to the convention—February 9, 1960.

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Chairman, Law
Committee and Trustee

Sidney R. Katz
Executive Director

Men's Club to be Host to Ladies on April 23

Once again the Men's Club is happy to play gallant host to the distaff side of the family. Saturday, April 23, is the date to circle on your calendar if you don't want to miss the Club's most important annual social function. As you are undoubtedly aware, our guests are taken via the Lemberg Auditorium to a wonderful place each year. I am certain that you remember the exciting café party with its Parisian atmosphere last spring. We can't tell you where we are going this year because we have not yet booked passage, but we promise that this year's party will equal, perhaps excel the gala time that everyone enjoyed last year. There will be good food, good music and good fellowship. Best of all, the only requisite for an invitation is that you are a member in good standing of the Men's Club.

A Cadillac?

Men's Club is soon to launch its one and only fund-raising project. As a result, some one will be the proud owner of a new Cadillac. The proceeds, for the most part, are for the Milton Steinberg House. We hope you will help the Men's Club in its worthwhile endeavor and at the same time assure yourself of an opportunity perhaps to own your own Cadillac.

— Andrew Fier

Library Week - April 3 - 9

The National Book Committee in co-operation with the American Library Association is sponsoring National Library Week, April 3 to 9. This is intended to stimulate interest in reading, to cultivate reading habits, and to increase the use of libraries of all kinds. Many professional and voluntary organizations are participating in the effort to promote reading development programs during the year in about five thousand communities throughout the country.

To call attention to this important event and to support its purpose is very much in the tradition and interest of the Jewish community. The services of Jewish communal and congregational libraries should be used frequently and fully. During the last years, the shelves of our own Cohen Library have been filled with books about all areas of Jewish knowledge and also belles lettres. All recent publications in biblical literature, religion, religious philosophy, Jewish history, sacred music, and art are being acquired as they come off the press. The field of archaeology, which has become so important and has yielded such astonishing discoveries, is well represented. We have encyclopedias and reference works not only for the use of adults but also for teenagers and children. There is a great selection of books on Zionism and on the State of Israel. These may be of special interest in view of the one hundredth anniversary of Theodor Herzl's birth currently celebrated by Jewish organizations all over the country. Books by and on Herzl, on such of his forerunners as Moses Hess and Leo Pinsker, on the Balfour Declaration, on American Zionist leaders, and on the present statesmen of Israel are available in great number.

Our teenagers may profitably use our library for many purposes. Whether they choose to select books from the juvenile shelves or in the adult section as they usually do, they can find ample reading material for their bar mitzvah assignments, for education and for pleasure. Biographies of important and inspiring personalities will be especially attractive to them. Everybody can make books his never failing friends and companions. Civilized people are well-read people.

— Hilde Kisch, *Librarian*

The Setting of a Traditional Seder Table



Congregational Seder Tuesday Evening - April 12

Again this year the Park Avenue Synagogue is sponsoring a *Seder* on the second night, Tuesday, April 12, in the Lemberg Auditorium. Mrs. David J. Mendelsohn, chairman of the *Seder*, and her committee are making extensive plans to make the *Seder* a memorable occasion.

The *Seder* will be conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and by Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the piano. The service will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. and will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the *Seder* ceremony and traditional dinner. The *Seder* expresses the tribulations and trials of our fathers as well as their hopes and prayers for freedom from bondage.

The narration of the Haggadah, a ritual recitation of the liberation of the Jews from Egyptian slavery, the asking of the four questions, the singing of the rich, melodious music from the chanting of the Kiddush to the closing, gay Had Gadya—all will combine to make your celebration of the *Seder* with your family and friends a joyous occasion that you will long remember.

If you have not yet filled out your card and returned it with your remittance for the desired number of reservations, we urge you to do so immediately. Since reservations must of necessity be limited, we want you to avoid possible disappointment.

— RMR

Mr. and Mrs. H. Krinsky Donate Prayer Books

In response to a recent BULLETIN request for Sabbath prayer books for our Junior Congregation, the synagogue has received a generous contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Krinsky.

Each book will be inscribed with the appropriate prayer book plate in memory of Jacob and Sophie Siris, the beloved parents of Mrs. Krinsky.

TV Passover Program Features Larry Adler

On Sunday, April 10 from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. on NBC-TV, *The Eternal Light* will present "Passover Theme and Variations" starring Larry Adler, the harmonica virtuoso. Accompanied by guitar and piano, Mr. Adler will play familiar Passover melodies and will tell stories of the different ways that he has spent Passover.

Religious School News

Parents of the students in the Religious School are advised to note carefully the following important dates during the month of April.

MONDAY, April 11—Erev Pesach
NO CLASSES

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, April 12 and 13

Junior Congregation Holiday Services at 10:00 a.m. in the Appleman Chapel. Holiday refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, April 14

SPRING SCHOOL VACATION
BEGINS.

MONDAY and TUESDAY, April 18 and 19

Junior Congregation Holiday Services at 10:00 a.m. in the Appleman Chapel. Holiday refreshments will be served.

MONDAY, April 25

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL RE-OPENS
— Martin Leichtling

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beller upon their 30th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Max Elkon upon his marriage to Mrs. Frances Green Spinoza.

Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch upon the engagement of his daughter, Anne to Mr. Sanford Socolow.

Mrs. Emma Luebeck upon her 97th birthday.

A Checkup and Check Help Fight Cancer

April is Cancer Control Month, a time to talk about cancer. The New York City Cancer Committee of the American Cancer Society reports that no limit has been set on the drive for funds to save lives without limit. Unfortunately, we still haven't found a "magic bullet" to shoot into the body and immunize it. Our men of science are looking for it and some day they will come up with a cure.

Meanwhile, there are things you can do now. Most important of all is getting a regular health checkup. Next, support the work of the Cancer Committee in its three-pronged program of research, education and service. Make your dollars make sense! Guard your family against cancer with a checkup and a check. Give generously to the New York City Cancer Committee today.

Coming Events

Friday, April 8—8:30 p.m.
Sabbath Service

Dr. Alfred J. Marrow, guest speaker
Topic: "Fighting Prejudice in New York"

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Passover (April 11-19)

Monday, April 11, Evening Service
5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12, Morning Service
9:30 a.m.

Congregational Seder
Service, 5:45 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13, Morning Service
9:30 a.m.

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Saturday, April 23—7:30 p.m.

Men's Club Ladies' Night
(for Men's Club Members only)

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Monday, April 25—8:30 p.m.

Businessmen's Seminar
Discussion by Rabbi Judah Nadich

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Tuesday, April 26—8:00 p.m.

Sisterhood Open Meeting
Men and Women invited

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Tuesday, May 3—5:45 p.m.

Sisterhood Bazaar—Cocktails and Supper

Wednesday, May 4—11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sisterhood Bazaar

Thursday, May 5—11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sisterhood Bazaar

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Sunday, May 8—8:30 p.m.

78th Congregational Meeting

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Wednesday, May 18—8:30 p.m.

Parents Association Open Meeting

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Thursday, May 12—6 p.m.

Seminary Dinner

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Friday, May 13—8:30 p.m.

16th Annual Liturgical Music
(Concluding Service)

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Sunday, May 22—3:00 p.m.

Consecration of Cemetery Grounds
at Kensico

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Monday, May 23—8:30 p.m.

Businessmen's Seminar
Discussion by Rabbi Judah Nadich

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Tuesday, May 24—7:30 p.m.

Men's Club Dinner and Installation

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Thursday, May 26—6 p.m.

Religious School Board Dinner

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Wednesday, June 1—9:30 a.m.

First day Shavuot (Confirmation)

Thursday, June 2—9:30 a.m.

Second day Shavuot

Nelson Ruttenberg Memorial Fund

In the ever-growing list of contributors to the fund in memory of Nelson Ruttenberg, we wish to include Mr. and Mrs. Harold Starkman. To the many friends who have contributed, the committee expresses its appreciation.

Course in Hebrew Continues Thru April 27

The Adult Education Committee and the Parents Association are currently sponsoring a course in Hebrew taught by Mrs. Milton Finkel, an instructor of the Religious School.

The course which began on February 3rd will continue through Wednesday, April 27, 1960 (exclusive of the Passover holidays and the spring vacation). Each class has been well attended by parents eager to learn enough Hebrew to keep abreast of their children's Hebrew studies. For others, the sessions have been a wonderful opportunity to brush up on their knowledge of Hebrew.

It has been highly gratifying to see how very successful the course has been from its inception.



Candle Lighting Time:

Friday — April 8 — 6:08 p.m.

Friday — April 15 — 6:15 p.m.

Friday — April 22 — 6:22 p.m.

Condolences

Mr. Harry Zaifert upon the death of his brother, Benny.

Joseph E. Cohen upon the death of his mother, Fannie.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

Appleman Chapel
of the Milton Steinberg House
Under the sponsorship of
the Men's Club

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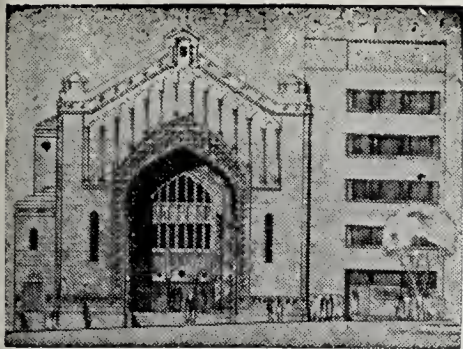
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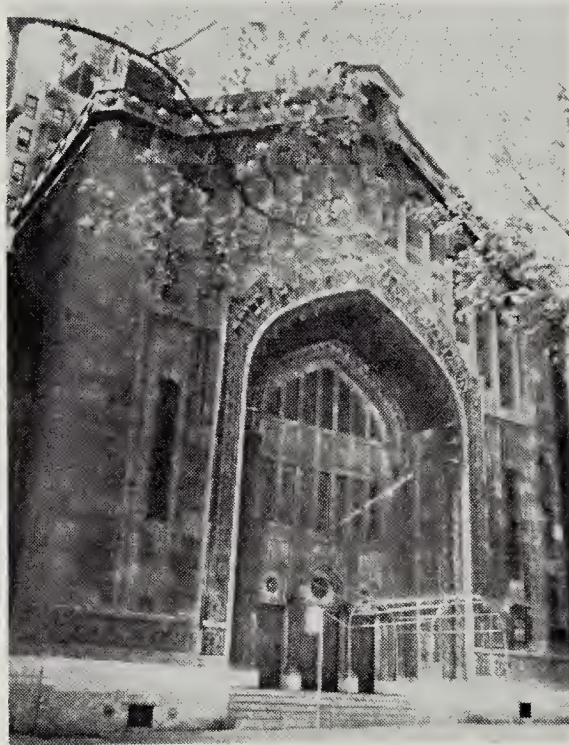
Law Day Sabbath Saturday, April 30

President Eisenhower has proclaimed Sunday, May 1, as "Law Day U.S.A." The New York Board of Rabbis has designated Saturday, April 30, as Law Day Sabbath in cooperation with the President's proclamation and his request that the nation's synagogues and churches join in the observance. Rabbi Nadich will preach on "Freedom Under Law" that Saturday morning.

A special invitation is extended to the judges and lawyers of our congregation to attend this service.

The proclamation of the President calls for a "reaffirmation of faith" in the rule of law. The American Bar Association is cooperating in the national observance of Law Day U.S.A., as are the several bar associations in many states and counties. A citywide service will be conducted by the New York Board of Rabbis on Sunday, May 1, at 11:00 a.m. at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogues.

78th Annual Congregational Meeting of Synagogue Will Take Place Sunday Evening, May 8 at 8:30



Another spring at our synagogue!
The year rolls around—time for
another annual congregational
meeting on Sunday, May 8.

The seventy-eighth annual congregational meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue—one of the most important meetings of the year—will take place Sunday evening, May 8 at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Official notice, as well as the proposed slate of officers and members of the Board of Trustees, has already been mailed to congregants. This slate submitted by the Nominating Committee headed by Mr. Benjamin Sack has been unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, will give a detailed report covering the entire activity of the congregation. You will also hear a message of greeting from our president, Mr. Jacob Klein. Following the election, Rabbi Judah Nadich will induct the candidates into office.

Attendance at this meeting affords congregants a splendid opportunity to familiarize themselves with the many facets of synagogue life. Members who have recently joined the synagogue can learn first hand about the programs and accomplishments of the various arms of the synagogue.

Directly following the meeting, a collation will be served and a social hour will follow—an hour to greet old friends and to meet new members.

The following members of Sisterhood will serve on the hospitality committee: Ethel Altschul, Lillian Helpert and Rhea Ruttenberg.

From the Men's Club, the committee on hospitality will be: David Altschul, L. Chester Glaser and Julian Jacobs.

The date—Sunday evening, May 8.
The place—Lemberg Auditorium
The time—8:30 p.m.

Do join us!

—RMR

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, April 29 8:30 p.m.

**Rabbi Nadich will speak on
"Glimmers Through the Iron Curtain"**

Saturday Morning, April 30 9:30 a.m.

**Law Day Sabbath
Bar Mitzvah of David M. Ostriker
son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ostriker**

Friday Evening, May 6 8:30 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL and HEBREW SCHOOL
GRADUATION SERVICE**

Saturday Morning, May 7 9:30 a.m.

**Bar Mitzvah of Hal Lehrman, Jr.
son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Lehrman**

Dr. Nadich will preach at Sabbath morning services
*and will officiate with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by
the Synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.*

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This I Believe!

I believe with conviction that it is the sacred and holy obligation of the Park Avenue Synagogue membership to sustain daily service, so that members of our synagogue, as well as bereaved strangers, can attend our house of worship should occasion arise when they have need to recite the traditional Kaddish or recite a Yahrzeit for their departed loved ones; that they should feel that our synagogue offers them the opportunity to find a minyan present at all our daily services; that it is a concern to be shared on a synagogue membership participation level. I believe and trust that every member of our synagogue shares these beliefs with me.

I believe that, consonant with the tenets of our religious faith, such beliefs should be followed by performance and action—in this instance the pledge to attend one evening service (5:45 p.m.—one-half hour) each month during the year on the date of the undertaking, and to adhere to the scheduled undertaking. This means the key to its success. The enclosed card to facilitate such undertaking should be completed by those members who have not as yet undertaken such attendance, and should be mailed without delay.

By attending such service, one discovers that this brief period of prayer and contemplation, coming at the end of a busy and tension-laden day at the office, serves to clear the cobwebs in the mind, to lift the spirit and to gather inner reinvigoration. One further discovers that the purposes, issues and values of life are seen in a clearer light and one learns also to develop a sense of mystery, awe and wonder that lends appreciation for the many blessings that make life more meaningful.

—L. Chester Glaser
Chairman, Minyan Committee

Annual Music Service Friday Evening, May 13

The sixteenth annual service of New Liturgical Music of Contemporary Composers will take place on Friday evening, May 13, at 8:30 p.m. The service at which Rabbi Nadich will officiate will feature the world premiere performance of "Lichvod Shabbat" by Reuven Kosakoff, presented by Hazzan David J. Putterman and the synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ. We are grateful to Hazzan Putterman for arranging this special program in connection with Jewish music month.

Reuven Kosakoff is a composer of rare genius who has written chamber music, sonatas and orchestral compositions. The next BULLETIN will carry a sketch of Mr. Kosakoff's career and of Moshe Budmor, the conductor, as well as details of the complete service.

To reserve your seats, please return the card recently mailed to congregants.

Call for Ushers For Saturday Services

To maintain the customary standards of dignity and decorum during our well attended Saturday morning services, Mr. Harold Glasser, director of ushering and Synagogue Ritual assistant, has requested the assistance of two men to join the regular group of ushers during these services.

Synagogue ushering is a very important activity because, through its genial members, the dignity of worship is maintained, desirable first impressions are created and a comfortable feeling of belonging for those who attend is established.

If you would like to serve your synagogue by volunteering your services on Saturday mornings, please contact Mr. David Altschul, chairman of the Ushering Committee (Wh 4-5963).



Candle Lighting Time:

April 29—7:29 Daylight Saving Time

May 6—7:37 Daylight Saving Time

Religious School Graduation At Friday Service, May 6

At the Friday evening service on May 6, 1960, the graduates from the Hebrew Department and from the High School Extension Department of the Religious School will be honored by the congregation.

The graduation of thirteen students from our three-day-a-week Hebrew Department and of five students from the High School is a milestone in the development of our Religious School. The graduation of these young people marks the acceptance by a greater number of our parents and their children of the fact that Jewish education does not come to an end with Bar Mitzvah. It denotes an understanding that a knowledge of our Jewish heritage can be achieved only by study through the years.

This is the first time that the graduates from our Hebrew Department who have completed five years of study of Hebrew, Bible, history and Jewish living, will be honored at a special graduation ceremony. In previous years, the graduation was combined with the confirmation exercises at Shavuot.

At the exercises, diplomas will be awarded to the graduates from our High School Department. These students have studied for a minimum of two years and have earned the eight credits necessary for graduation. In addition to Hebrew, they have studied "The History of the Jews since the Second Commonwealth", "The Prophets" and "The Wisdom of the Fathers".

The Graduation classes will be presented to the congregation by Mr. Martin Leichtling, principal of the school, and will be awarded diplomas by Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board. Two of the graduates will speak on the role of religious education in the life of young people. Rabbi Judah Nadich will address the students and their guests on this memorable occasion.

The Hebrew School graduates are: Bram Andrews, Ruth Burbell, Beth Brown, Roger Einiger, Rhoda Epstein, Michael Fein, Sonya Kaufman, Georgia Kingson, Marc Leichtling, Scott Miller, Joseph Mishkin, Samuel Paskin and Joel Schore.

The High School graduates are: Stephen Dell, Joel Grantz, Ruth Jacob, Elisa Kaufman and Jeffrey Mehlman.

—Martin Leichtling



BENJAMIN SACK
Chairman—Nominating Committee

Candidates for Officers and Trustees of Board To be Elected at Congregational Meeting, May 8

In accordance with Article III, Section 1 of the By-Laws, the Nominating Committee wishes to present at the Congregational Meeting on May 8, 1960, the following names as candidates for Officers and Trustees of the Park Avenue Synagogue for the ensuing year ending May, 1961.

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- Chairman of the Board of TrusteesJoseph Howard Katz
- Vice-chairman of the Board of TrusteesSaul Godwin
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President of Sisterhood

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Benjamin Sack, Chairman
- Ezra Cohen
- Archie Thurman
- Irvin Waldman
- Max Zahler

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- Nathan B. Gerber
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- Mrs. Benjamin Sack
- Sidney J. Silberman
- Milton M. Sivek
- Harry J. Sokolow
- Archie Thurman

Seminary Dinner - May 16 To Honor Irving M. Felt

The annual Jewish Theological Seminary dinner will be held on Monday evening, May 16, in the Lemberg Auditorium of the Park Avenue Synagogue. This year the guest of honor will be Mr. Irving Mitchell Felt, a member of the Advisory Council of the Park Avenue Synagogue and a leader in philanthropic and communal activities in New York City.

Mr. Felt served as over-all campaign chairman of the 1959-1960 Federation appeal. A trustee of Federation, he has also been prominently affiliated with two of its member institutions—the Jewish Child Care Association of which he was president and of Montefiore Hospital of which he is a trustee.

Chairman of the dinner is David Picket; co-chairman, Samuel Lemberg; honorary chairmen, Rabbi Judah Nadich and Joseph Howard Katz.

Complete details will appear in the next BULLETIN, but for the present please save the date—Monday evening, May 16.

Rabbinical Assembly Conference Held at Park Avenue Synagogue

The Conference of the Metropolitan Region of the Rabbinical Assembly on March 30 was attended by more than forty rabbis. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon E. Green graciously contributed the cost of the luncheon in honor of our own Rabbi Nadich.

Luncheon Committee

Chairman of the luncheon, Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz and co-chairman, Mrs. Solomon E. Green, wish to thank the following members of Sisterhood's Executive Board for their competent assistance:

- Mesdames David Altschul, Charles Bennet, Paul Bercu, Ben Boas, Herman Bronstein, Morris Cohen, Benjamin Gross, Milton Heller, Herman Helpern, Harold Levin, Mitchell Leventhal, Harold Osserman, David Rapoport, Marvin Spiegel, Samuel Wimpfheimer, Seymour Wimpfheimer and Max Zahler.

New Book in Hebrew By Dr. Louis Ginzberg

There have just arrived in this country copies of a new work by Dr. Ginzberg published in Israel by the Dvir Publishing Company of Tel Aviv. The work consists of a number of essays of the late Professor Louis Ginzberg compiled by Rabbi Nadich with an introduction by him. The book is entitled *Al Halakha v'Agada* (Law and Legend).

For half a century, Dr. Ginzberg was professor of Talmud at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and was renowned as the world's leading authority in the scientific study of the Talmud and rabbinic literature. A number of his important writings had appeared in magazines and learned journals long out of print. Before Professor Ginzberg's death, Rabbi Nadich discussed with him the advisability of collecting such articles and publishing them in book form so that they might be preserved for posterity.

The articles were written in several different languages, but it was decided to publish them in Hebrew in order that they might be available to scholars the world over for generations to come.

Sisterhood Activities During April and May

Bazaar — May 3, 4, 5

This is our last chance to remind you of Sisterhood's Bazaar—May 3, 4 and 5—at the synagogue. Lots of bargains and lots of varied, attractive merchandise will be on sale for those days.

Be sure to come on Tuesday, May 3, in time for cocktails and dinner. Then stay for the games with wonderful prizes and the sale of varied merchandise which will be attractively displayed in booths. Lunch will be served on Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5, on which days the sale of merchandise will continue. There will also be a valuable prize—an exquisite, stream-lined Emerson television set with a 17" screen.

The proceeds are for the benefit of the Special Fund of the United Jewish Appeal—so you are spending your money for a worthy cause.

Visit to Jewish Blind

On Wednesday, May 11 Sisterhood will hold its annual party at the New York Guild for the Jewish Blind in Yonkers. Mrs. Maurice Reinetz, the wife of the rabbi of the Ozone Park Conservative Synagogue, and a talented singer of Israeli songs, will entertain. Those who wish to join the group going to Yonkers, please call Mrs. Alfred Luebeck, AT 9-2576.

Torah Fund Luncheon

On Thursday, May 12, the Torah Fund Luncheon will be held at the Hotel Croydon. All contributors of \$6.11 and over are invited to attend this luncheon. For further information, please call Mrs. Harry Neivert, TE 8-1682.

Candidates for Election

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate for approval by Sisterhood: Chaplain, Mrs. Solomon E. Green; President, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome; Vice presidents: Mesdames Herman Hel-

pern, Abel Phillips, Jacob Starr, Seymour Wimpfheimer; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mack Fieber; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mortimer Millheiser, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Morris M. Cohn and Mrs. Marvin Spiegel; Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Bercu.

To serve on the Executive Board for a period of three years from 1960-1963: Mesdames David Altschul, Benjamin Boas, Morris M. Cohn, Benjamin Gross, Joseph Howard Katz, Edward Munves, Harold Osserman, Irving Shapiro, Aaron Schoenbaum, Louis Stich.

To serve on the Executive Board for a period of two years from 1960-1962: Mesdames Charles Bennet, Jack Boneparth, Herman Bronstein, Morris Edelman, Irving Friedman, Samuel Gellert, Harry Grunther, Abe Geller, Mitchell Leventhal, Alfred Luebeck, Harry Neivert, David Rapoport.

To serve on the Executive Board for a period of one year from 1960-1961: Mesdames Louis Greenstein, Jack Kurzweil, Benjamin Sack, Albert Siegel, Max Zahler and president of the Parents Association.

Recommended to serve as new members of the Executive Board for a period of one year: Mesdames Bruno Foa, Edward Davidson, Harold Margulies, Wilbur Cowett, Ralph Russ, Richard Rudell, Harry Wolfe.

To serve on the Honorary Board: Mesdames Harry Altmann, Mitchell Bernstein, Ezra Cohen, Bertha Davidson, Jules Dubrowin, Betty Friedman, Esther Friedman, Grace Gilbert, Louis Grossman, David Hoexter, Jacob Klein, Joseph Lubin, Adolph Luebeck, Judah Nadich, David Putterman, Arthur Ochs, Tubie Resnick, Shy Rosen, Rhea Ruttenberg, Ida Wexler.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Religious School News

Registration Now for September

The Religious School is now accepting applications for admission of *new* students for the school year beginning September 1960.

The Primary Department is open to children from kindergarten age to those who will *not* have reached their ninth birthday by April 1, 1961. Classes which meet on Sunday mornings aim to give the child pleasurable experiences in Jewish living.

The Hebrew Department is open to children who will be nine years old by April 1, 1961. Classes meet two afternoons a week and on Saturday mornings for instruction in Hebrew, Bible, history, customs and ceremonies, and religious worship in the Junior Congregation.

Parents whose children are too old for admission to this school are invited to discuss the matter with the Principal.

The High School Department is open to all students who attend a secondary school. Classes meet on Sundays and offer courses in Hebrew, history, basic Judaism, The Prophets and the Wisdom of the Fathers.

Children of Non-Members Accepted

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that children of non-members may be enrolled in the school.

Registration may be made over the telephone (EN 9-2600) or in person at the school office between 3:00 and 6:30 p.m. every afternoon.

—Martin Leichtling

Reserve Friday Evening May 13, 1960

16th Annual Service
of New Liturgical Music
World Premiere

"**Lichvod Shabbat**"
by Reuven Kosakoff

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

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Prayer Books — Bibles — Taletim
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Proceeds go to Scholarship Fund
Phone: Irma Heller, Chairman of Gift Shop
AT 9-5500

Members' Choice of Art Exhibited at Museum

Members' Choice, an exhibit of paintings from the collections of members and friends of the Jewish Museum, Fifth Avenue and 92 Street, is now being displayed.

Paintings by Cezanne, Chagall, Delacroix, Pissarro, Renoir as well as by many other famous artists will be shown in

the exhibit. Sculpture on view will include pieces by Leonard Baskin, Jan Nielson, Bernard Rosenthal and William Zorach. Three pieces of sculpture are being lent to the Museum by Billy Rose.

Among those who have lent paintings to the Museum are Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. List, members of our synagogue.

Formal Consecration of Cemetery Grounds At Kensico on Sunday, May 22

Extensive plans have been made for the formal consecration of the cemetery grounds at Kensico recently purchased by our synagogue in the Sharon Gardens section at Valhalla, Westchester County. The dedication will take place on Sunday, May 22, at three o'clock in the afternoon regardless of weather conditions. In the event of rain, a tent will be set up for the protection of those present. We shall hope, of course, for blue skies!

Air-Cooled Buses Provided

Special, private, air-cooled buses have been engaged to pick up congregants at the synagogue at 1:30 p.m. Buses will leave promptly at 1:45 p.m. and, according to plans, will return from the cemetery grounds no later than 5 p.m. There is of course no cost to the congregant for bus transportation. Those, however, who desire may drive their own cars or travel by train.



SHARON GARDENS

Rabbi Judah Nadich will conduct the consecration ceremonies, and Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir will sing selections from the psalms.

Those who will participate in the program are: Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the synagogue.

The members of the Cemetery Committee who carried through the responsibilities for negotiations with the Kensico officials are: Saul Godwin, chairman, Joseph P. Mandelbaum co-chairman, Samuel Epstein, Nathan B. Gerber, Emanuel Hochman, Mortimer D. Millheiser, Murray Rothenberg and Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer. In all the negotiations, the committee was ably assisted by Asa D. Sokolow, chairman of the Law Committee.

The entire cemetery committee have pledged themselves to be present, and it is hoped that our congregants also will join in the consecration ceremonies. —RMR

Hebrew Acceptable For College Boards

The College Entrance Examination Board recently announced that it has approved the addition of Hebrew to the regular Board program of language tests. Thus, students in high schools throughout the country will be able to make Hebrew their selection in the language area for College Board examinations.

Hebrew is offered in many high schools in New York City. Among them are the following which are of direct interest to parents of children in our own congregation: the High School of Music and Art, Stuyvesant High School, Bronx High School of Science.

The Junior High School Division of the New York City Board of Education is now offering Hebrew courses in every junior high school where there is sufficient enrollment to form a class. The success of Hebrew in the junior high schools will be the determining factor in the further development of Hebrew in senior high schools and colleges.

This welcome information should be noted particularly by junior and senior high school students who are making their language selection for next September. It is to be hoped that parents will encourage their sons and daughters to give consideration to Hebrew as a language of study on the junior and senior high school levels and at colleges.

Coming Events at Our Synagogue

- Tuesday, May 3—5:45 p.m.
Sisterhood Bazaar—Cocktails and Supper
- Wednesday, May 4—11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sisterhood Bazaar
- Thursday, May 5—11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sisterhood Bazaar
- * * *
- Sunday, May 8—8:30 p.m.
78th Congregational Meeting
- * * *
- Friday, May 13—8:30 p.m.
16th Annual Liturgical Music
(Concluding Service)
- * * *
- Monday, May 16—6 p.m.
Seminary Dinner
- * * *
- Wednesday, May 18—8:30 p.m.
Parents Association Open Meeting
- * * *
- Sunday, May 22—3:00 p.m.
Consecration of Cemetery Grounds
at Kensico
- * * *
- Monday, May 23—8:30 p.m.
Businessmen's Seminar
Discussion by Rabbi Judah Nadich
- * * *
- Tuesday, May 24—7:30 p.m.
Men's Club Dinner and Installation
- * * *
- Thursday, May 26—6 p.m.
Religious School Board Dinner
- * * *
- Wednesday, June 1—9:30 a.m.
First day Shavuot (Confirmation)
- Thursday, June 2—9:30 a.m.
Second day Shavuot

A Cadillac?

Mr. Harry Dubin, president of the Men's Club, assures us that Project Cadillac will soon be underway. The committee has exciting plans to make someone the happy owner of a bright new Cadillac. To quote Harry: "Some lucky, good-hearted individual will drive off in a 1960 "Cad" while helping the Club in its sponsorship of many worthy religious and civic institutions."

Men's Club is soon to launch its one and only fund-raising project. As a result, some one will be the proud owner of a new Cadillac. The proceeds, for the most part, are for the Milton Steinberg House. We hope you will help the Men's Club in its worthwhile endeavor and at the same time assure yourself of an opportunity perhaps to own your own Cadillac.

Please be co-operative and afford some of your friends and business associates an opportunity to fall into this bonanza when the "Cad" books reach you. The Committee thanks you in advance!

In the early twelfth century, Rashi wrote: "Who rears his child to be righteous is like an immortal."

Special School Helps Jewish Retarded Child

For the first time in the history of the American Jewish community, a day school has opened to meet the needs of retarded Jewish children. *Maimonides Institute* offers the Jewish retarded child special education and occupational training needed for maximum growth as a person. The unique contribution of this new school is effected through a thorough integration of this program with Jewish cultural experiences, values and studies. This institute is serving children between the ages of six and seventeen who are moderately or severely retarded. Neurologically impaired and emotionally disturbed children are acceptable if it is determined that retardation is the primary handicap.

Maimonides Institute, the first non-profit day school, has won the admiration and sponsorship of such eminent personalities as Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Senator Jacob K. Javits, Judge Paul Balsam, Rabbi Ben Zion Bokser, Rabbi Leo Jung and a host of others.

Rabbi Isaac Maizes, the president of the Institute, was happy to note the appointment of the following outstanding professionals to his Board of Advisors: Dr. Elkan E. Snyder, director of Special Education, Yeshiva University; Dr. Kurt Rawitt, chief consulting psychiatrist of the Bureau of Child Guidance and head of Psychiatric Clinic, Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital; George G. Kean and Jeanette Castro.

Maimonides Institute located at 69-10 75th Street, Middle Village, Queens serves children from all boroughs. Further information can be obtained by phoning the school, TWining 4-6733.

Yahrzeit Reminders

When sending in a Yahrzeit reminder card to the office, please be sure to include the name of the person to whom the Yahrzeit notice should be sent.

Recently we received an incomplete card in connection with the Yahrzeits of Morris, Jennie and Albert Gordon without the name of the sender. Will the person who sent this card please contact Pearl Kane at the synagogue office? (EN 9-2600)

Congregants are urged to mail their Yahrzeit reminder cards to our office as soon as possible in order to facilitate completion of our files.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beller upon the engagement of their son, Henry K. to Renée Glaser.

Mr. and Mrs. William Flaster upon the engagement of their daughter, Rita, to Howard Wurtzel.

Mrs. Samuel Gellert and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Gillette upon the birth of a granddaughter, Barbara Ann.

Dr. and Mrs. Milton Helpert upon the marriage of their daughter, Susan Ellen, to Paul Thomas Nettler.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Levin upon their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Erich Siegel upon their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Daniel Rotto upon the birth of a son, Gary Steven.

Students Take Part In Dance Festival

The students of Grade Five in the Hebrew department recently participated in the annual dance festival for Jewish schools sponsored by the Jewish Education Committee.

The theme of the festival, "The Ingathering of the Exiles", was developed by our students who were coached by their teacher, Mrs. Milton Finkel.

Those who participated were: Bram Andrews, Beth Brown, Ruth Burbell, Michael Fein, Sonya Kaufman, Marc Leichtling, Samuel Paskin and Joel Schore.

Convention of Cantors Held at Grossingers

The Cantors Assembly of America, the national Conservative organization of Hazzanim founded by our own Hazzan Putterman, held its thirteenth annual convention at Grossinger's from April 25 to 28.

The convention program and sessions consisted of scholarly papers by noted authorities in their respective fields; discussions on how to enhance and improve synagogue worship through the medium of music and concerts of traditional and contemporary Jewish music.

Bright Brotherhood

There is a bright brotherhood in the arts, despite the fact that you will find dissent, insincerity, and hate during your adventures. There is a brotherhood of shared experience and common ambition. It is a fraternal association that makes the rest of the world civilians. Try not to indulge this feeling. Remember that the civilians pass the final judgment and that you are a civilian too—a civilian in a large world in which you must function and live with deep responsibility and awareness. This is the concluding substance of what I wish to say to you: behave as citizens not only of your profession but of the full world in which you live. Be indignant with injustice, be gracious with success, be courageous with failure, be patient with opportunity, and be resolute with faith and honor.

"To A Young Actor," Dore Schary
The Atlantic, October, 1959

Condolences

The Gevirtz family upon the death of Beatrice Gevirtz, a devoted member of our synagogue.

Mrs. Ralph Gore upon the death of her father, A. Jeb Lewis.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
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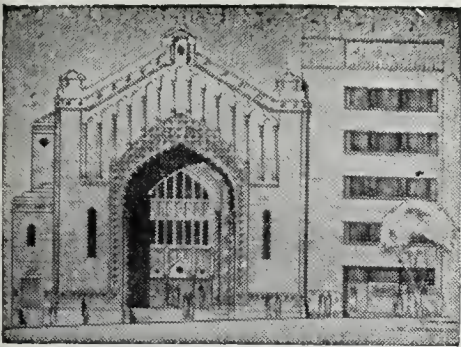
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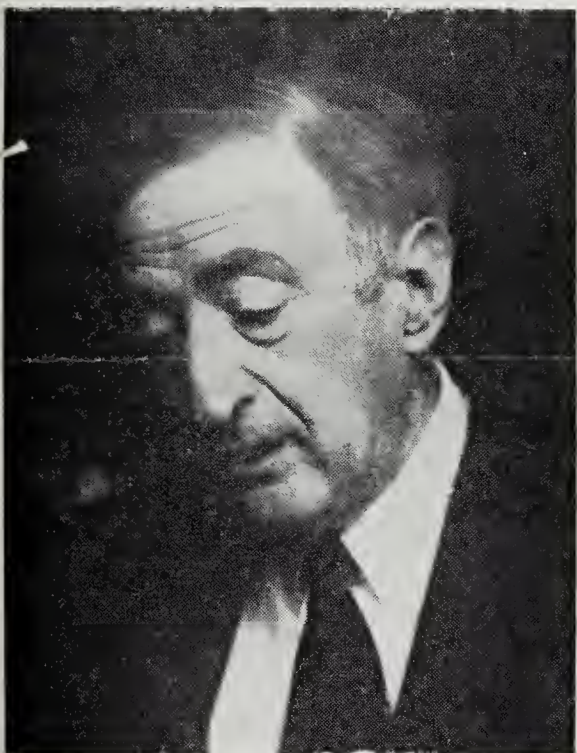


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Reuven Kosakoff, *Composer*



Moshe Budmor, *Conductor*

Premiere Performance of "Lichvod Shabbat" By Reuven Kosakoff - Friday Eve Service, May 13

The Sixteenth Annual Service of New Liturgical Music by Contemporary Composers will feature the world premiere performance of "Lichvod Shabbat" by Reuven Kosakoff, at the Park Avenue Synagogue at the Friday evening service on May 13, at 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman will conduct the service assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ.

Mr. Reuven Kosakoff, the composer, was graduated from the School of Music of Yale University and from the Institute of Musical Art. At an early age, he started to compose all forms of musical compositions—chamber music, sonatas for clarinet and piano, trios for clarinet, trombone and piano. One of his most popular orchestra compositions, "Jack and the Beanstalk", has been performed by the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York and Detroit symphony orchestras.

In recent years, Mr. Kosakoff's interest in Jewish music has been devoted to research, lectures and compositions. He has set to music *The Song of Songs*, *The Creation*, *The Eternal Light* as well as music for the Sabbath, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services.

In composing "Lichvod Shabbat", Mr. Kosakoff was inspired by the ideas expressed by Salomone de Rossi, who strove in the seventeenth century to glorify and beautify the *Songs of David*.

He was also influenced by Immanuel Kant, the German philosopher, who wrote: "The fundamental requisite for taste is not that which gratifies in sensation but that which pleases by its form."

A former president of the Jewish Music Forum, Mr. Kosakoff is at present the organist of the Genesis Hebrew Center in Tuckahoe, New York.

Moshe Budmor, Conductor

Moshe Budmor, who will conduct the performance of "Lichvod Shabbat", was born in Germany. In 1932, he emigrated to Israel where he studied at the Israel Academy of Music. Here he was the director of the Haifa Symphony orchestra and the Haifa Chamber Choir.

In New York since 1959, Mr. Budmor is currently the director of the 92nd St. Y Choral Society and the Hudson Valley Symphony. At present, he is a teacher at the School of Sacred Music of Hebrew Union College and a director of a professional choral group sponsored by the college.

Last year Mr. Budmor conducted the world premiere performance at our synagogue of the "Shabbat Sholom" service composed by Sholom Secundo.

Hazzan Putterman has been instrumental over the years in making these fine musical programs possible. Through his efforts, many musicians have been encouraged to compose original, liturgical music which has greatly enriched our services and the repertoire of synagogue music.

After the service, a reception will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium in honor of the composer, the conductor and other invited guests. An Oneg Shabbat will follow to which everyone is invited.

Tickets have already been mailed to congregants, but if additional seats are required, please communicate with the synagogue office (En 9-2600).

—RMR

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, May 13 8:30 p.m.

Sixteenth Annual Liturgical Music Service

World Premiere of "Lichvod Shabbat" by Reuven Kosakoff

Saturday Morning, May 14 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Mishkin

son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Mishkin

Friday Evening, May 20 5:45 p.m.

Saturday Morning, May 21 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Nadich will preach at Sabbath morning services
and will officiate with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by
the Synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

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Congregational Meeting Held at Synagogue

The seventy-eighth annual congregational meeting of the Park Avenue Synagogue—one of the most important meetings of the year—took place Sunday evening, May 8, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

The slate of officers and members of the Board of Trustees, submitted by the Nominating Committee headed by Mr. Benjamin Sack, was unanimously approved by those present.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, gave a detailed report covering the entire activity of the many arms of synagogue life. His report as well as the greeting of Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the synagogue, will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

Directly following the meeting, a collation was served followed by a social hour. The following members of Sisterhood served on the hospitality committee: Ethel Altschul, Lillian Helpert, Ruth Kurzweil and Rhea Rutenberg.

From the Men's Club, the committee on hospitality included David Altschul, L. Chester Glaser and Julian Jacobs.

Friday Eve Services At An Earlier Hour

Beginning May 20, the Friday evening service in the synagogue each week will be held at 5:45 p.m.

This will consist of a brief service of prayer at which Rabbi Nadich will officiate and Hazzan Putterman and the synagogue choir will chant the musical portions, with Mr. G. Crook at the organ.

Our regular Friday evening worshippers as well as the members of our congregation generally are invited to avail themselves of this service ushering in the Sabbath each Friday evening.

Award Is Presented To Hazzan Putterman By Cantors Assembly



Hazzan David J. Putterman

The Cantors Assembly of America, national organization of *hazzanim* associated with Conservative synagogues, bestowed its first *Kavod* Award on Hazzan David J. Putterman. The citation was made at the recent thirteenth annual national convention of the Cantors Assembly attended by almost six hundred *hazzanim*, musicians and composers.

The *Kavod* Award, to be given annually henceforth, was presented to Hazzan Putterman at a convention concert of contemporary liturgical music. Most of the numbers on the program were commissioned by the Park Avenue Synagogue and were first heard at our annual services of new liturgical music.

The citation reads as follows:

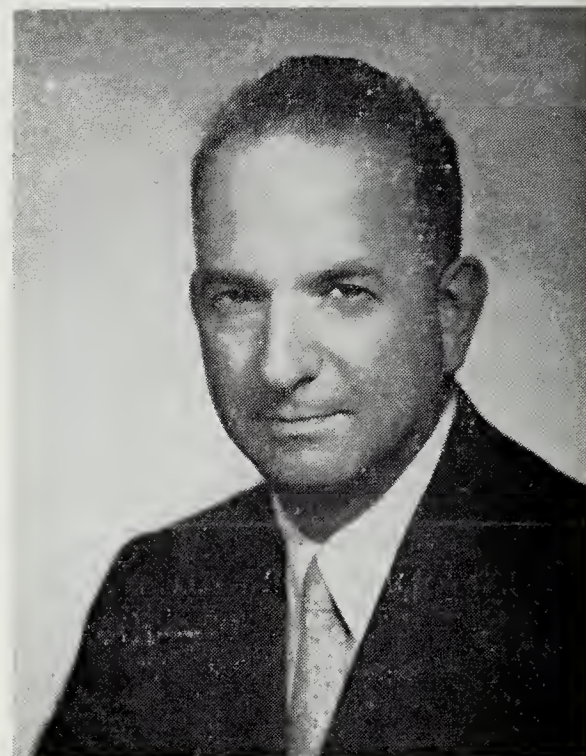
"The first annual *Kavod* Award to Hazzan David J. Putterman in recognition of his unique contribution in encouraging the creativity of contemporary music for the American synagogue, thus helping to assure the continuity in America of a vital and beautiful musical heritage."

The Park Avenue Synagogue rejoices in this latest honor that has come to our distinguished hazzan and extends heartiest congratulations to him.

Candle Lighting Time:

May 13 — 7:44 Daylight Saving Time
May 20 — 7:50 Daylight Saving Time

Irving Mitchell Felt To Be Honored May 16 At Testimonial Dinner



Irving Mitchell Felt

Irving Mitchell Felt, a member of the Advisory Council of the Park Avenue Synagogue, will be honored by our congregation at a testimonial dinner in behalf of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America on Monday evening, May 16, in the Lemberg Auditorium. A capacity attendance is expected at the function, where those present will extend a fitting tribute to a gentleman who has set a fine example of genuine altruism in social and community philanthropy.

Many of us are familiar with Mr. Felt's invaluable work in the areas of community welfare. Throughout the years, his magnanimous efforts have been in keeping with the Seminary's program of spiritual and cultural enlightenment for the vast Jewish community. Mr. Felt served as over-all campaign chairman of the 1959-1960 Federation appeal. A trustee of Federation, he has also been prominently affiliated with two of its member institutions—the Jewish Child Care Association of which he is president and of Montefiore Hospital of which he is a trustee.

Chairman of the dinner is David Picket; co-chairman, Samuel Lemberg; honorary chairmen, Rabbi Judah Nadich and Joseph Howard Katz.

Ceremonial and Gift Shop

Proceeds go to Scholarship Fund
Phone: Irma Heller, Chairman of Gift Shop
AT 9-5500

Consecration Service of Sharon Gardens Cemetery Grounds at Kensico, Sunday, May 22, at 3 p. m.

Recently our congregants received the following letter from Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, in reference to the formal Consecration Service to take place in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, May 22 at three o'clock.

Dear Congregants,

As you no doubt have already heard, the Park Avenue Synagogue will consecrate the burial grounds recently purchased in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, May 22, at three o'clock—regardless of weather.

Specially engaged, air-cooled buses, at no cost to congregants, will pick up passengers in front of the synagogue at 1:30 p.m. and will leave promptly at 1:45 p.m. In the event of rain, tents will be erected for the protection of guests at the cemetery grounds. Buses will arrive back at the synagogue at five o'clock.

Rabbi Judah Nadich will conduct the service and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the choir, will sing the Hebrew elegies. Participating in the exercises will be: Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the synagogue and I as representative of the Board of Trustees.

It is sincerely hoped that you will join the members of the Cemetery Committee as well as our Board of Trustees and Advisory Council in these sacred consecration ceremonies.

If you plan to be with us, please return the card you received recently, indicating the number of bus seats you wish reserved for you.

With all good wishes, I am, as always,

Sincerely yours,
JOSEPH HOWARD KATZ
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Businessmen's Seminar Final Session - May 23

The Seminar for Businessmen will have its last session on Monday evening, May 23 at 8:30 p.m. Businessmen and women who are members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

The earlier meetings of the Seminar have been extremely well attended, and discussion has been spirited and interesting. Rabbi Nadich leads the Seminar in the study of various texts selected from Jewish classical sources relating to ethical and moral problems confronting the businessman. The second session dealt largely with the subject of deception. The session on May 23 will deal with fraud and its extensions, the rabbinic ideal of equity, and commercial transactions between Jews and non-Jews, together with a treatment of the concept of *hillul hashem*.

At this last session, the text material will be distributed to the members of the seminar for their permanent possession. A collation will follow the session.

Mr. Benjamin Gross is chairman of the committee for this Seminar, with Messrs. Solomon E. Green and Frank E. Howard as committee members.

Sidney R. Katz to Speak At United Synagogue Conference - May 23

Sidney R. Katz, executive director of the Park Avenue Synagogue, will be one of the speakers at the United Synagogue of America conference on Monday evening, May 23. "Formulas for Developing Board of Trustee Leadership" will be his topic.

The sessions of the conference which will cover a variety of other aspects of leadership in synagogue life will take place at Temple Ansche Chesed, 100th Street and West End Avenue. The visitors will include delegates from United Synagogue of America congregations in Brooklyn and Queens.

There will be three other workshops that evening of interest to the delegates. The key speaker at the dinner will be Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg of Rockville Centre, New York.

Mr. Katz has spoken on other phases of synagogue leadership at a northern New Jersey United Synagogue of America Conference in March and, earlier in the winter, at similar conferences of several upstate New York congregations.

Joseph I. Lubin Will Be Honored at U.J.A. Dinner



Joseph I. Lubin

Mr. Joseph I. Lubin, an honorary trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue, will be honored at a testimonial dinner at the Hotel Sheraton East on Thursday evening, May 12, by the Accountants Division of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Lubin, who is currently serving as national treasurer of the United Jewish Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee, has been cited by Prime Minister Ben Gurion for his outstanding service and devotion to the cause of the Jewish people.

In philanthropic, educational and communal fields, Mr. Lubin's activity has been vast. He is the chairman of the Society of Founders of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, a trustee of Syracuse University which conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, and a member of the Advisory Board of New York University's Graduate Division for Training in Public Service.

Esteemed by the members of his profession, Mr. Lubin has served as chairman of the State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners to which he was appointed in 1945 by the Board of Regents.

In honoring Mr. Lubin, the accountancy profession will pay tribute to an outstanding benefactor with a notable record in humanitarian and civic deeds. The Park Avenue Synagogue is indeed proud of its devoted member and trustee, Joseph I. Lubin.

—RMR

Parents Association Final Meeting - May 18

The Parents Association will hold its final open meeting on Wednesday, May 18, at 8:30 p.m. in the Lemberg Auditorium. A "Let's Get Together Evening" will mark the fifteenth birthday of the Parents Association and its growth in activities and in service over the years.

Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president of the association, will submit her final report outlining the accomplishments of the group during the last year. Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, past president, will give a resume of the group's progress since its inception fifteen years ago.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Charles Weisberg, will present the slate of officers and Board members for 1960-1961.

As usual, our capable Chairman of Program, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, has planned an exciting program. A film of special interest, "The High Wall", will be shown. This depicts a case study of a young bigot whose home life fostered the development of prejudice, a contagious disease which spreads from adult to child.

Refreshments and a social hour will follow under the chairmanship of Mrs. Irving Diamond and her committee.

The Executive Board has unanimously approved the following slate of officers and members of the Board to be voted upon at the May 18 meeting: President, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil; Vice-President, Mrs. Robert Altman; Vice-President, Mrs. Emil Forster; Vice-President, Mrs. Louis Kaplan; Vice-President, Mrs. Charles Weisberg; Treasurer, Mrs. Samuel Wick; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Albert Cornell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Louis Zimmerman; Honorary President, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer; Chairman of Board, Mrs. Sam Deutsch.

To serve as Board Members: Mrs. Norbert Acker, Mrs. Franklin Bergman, Mrs. Joseph Dell, Mrs. Irving Diamond, Mrs. Herman Helpert, Mrs. Leon Klein, Mr. Leon Klein, Mrs. James Leff, Mrs. Jack Oberman, Mrs. Hector Ritey, Mrs. Rhea Ruttenberg, Mrs. Nathan Somberg, Mrs. Adolph Stangel and Mrs. Michael Stowe.

—RMR

Condolences

Joseph and Louis Shampman upon the death of their sister, Lillie Friedman.

Rabbi To Meet Members Of Bar Mitzvah Class

The boys who are to be Bar Mitzvah and the girls who are to be Bat Mitzvah in the future will meet with Rabbi Nadich on Monday, May 15, and on Wednesday, May 18, at 5:15 p.m.

Members of the class should make certain that they attend, since attendance at these meetings is one of the requirements for Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Religious School News

Registration Now for September

The School Office will be open during the months of May and June for registration of new students in the Religious School for the year beginning September 1960. We are accepting students for the Primary, Hebrew and High School Departments.

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that children of non-members may be enrolled in the school.

Registration may be made on the telephone (EN 9-2600) or in person at the School Office between 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. every afternoon.

Closing Exercises

The Primary Department of the Religious School will hold its closing exercises on Sunday, May 22.

—Martin Leichtling

Call for Ushers For Saturday Services

Mr. David Altschul, chairman of the Ushering Committee, has requested the assistance of two men to augment the regular group of dedicated ushers during the Saturday morning services.

Synagogue ushering is a very important activity because, through its genial members, the dignity of worship is maintained, desirable first impressions are created and a comfortable feeling of belonging for those who attend is established.

If you would like to serve your synagogue by volunteering your services on Saturday mornings, please contact Mr. Altschul (Wh 4-5968) or by so indicating to any of our ushering staff.

Sisterhood's Birthday Party - Tuesday, May 17

On Tuesday, May 17 at 12 noon, Sisterhood will serve a festive luncheon to all members and friends attending the annual Birthday Party and Installation of Officers. This is Sisterhood's 65th birthday, and we would like all members to help celebrate this occasion.

Hazzan Putterman will sing some songs for us, and Rabbi Nadich will install the following officers and new Executive Board members: Chaplain, Mrs. Solomon E. Green; President, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome; Vice president: Mesdames Herman Helpert, Abel Phillips, Jacob Starr, Seymour Wimpfheimer; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mack Fieber; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Mortimer Millheiser, Corresponding Secretaries, Mrs. Morris M. Cohn and Mrs. Marvin Spiegel; Treasurer, Mrs. Paul Bercu.

The new members of the Executive Board are: Mesdames Bruno Foa, Edward Davidson, Harold Margulies, Wilbur Cowett, Ralph Russ, Richard Rudell, Harry Wolfe.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Appleman upon the birth of their grandchild, Jan Beth Roberts.

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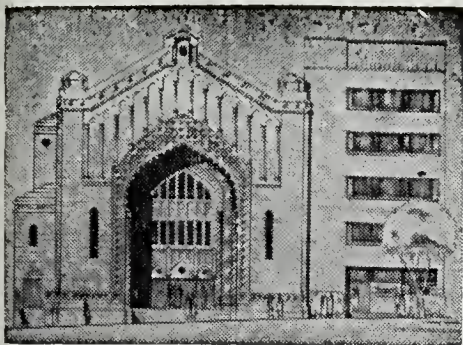
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Confirmation - June 1 At Shavuot Service

The Confirmation Exercises of the Religious School will take place at the religious service conducted by Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman on the first day of Shavuot, Wednesday, June first at 9:30 a.m.

The following students will be awarded certificates: Bram Andrews, Beth Brown, Rhoda Epstein, Michael Fein, Sonya Kaufman, Georgia Kingson, Marc Leichtling, Samuel Paskin, Joel Shore, Sheryl Shapiro and Rita Sherr. Nine were recently graduated from our Religious School.

The members of the Confirmation Class will read from the Scriptures, give an explanation of their readings and lead the congregation in prayer. As a joint effort, the confirmands will present an abridged version of the cantata, "The Seven Golden Buttons" written by Ira and Judith Eisenstein and directed by our music instructor, Mrs. Leah Abrams. Rabbi Nadich will deliver a message to the confirmands.

Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board, will present the confirmands with their diplomas and, on behalf of Sisterhood, will give each girl a Bible and each boy a book of his choice. In addition, a "friend of the Religious School" will present each confirmand with a subscription to the Jewish Publication Society.

The Youth Leadership Award, annually sponsored by Men's Club, will be presented by Mr. L. Chester Glaser, chairman of the Cultural and Religious Affairs Committee. The award, a sterling silver medal and a certificate, will be given to the graduate who has demonstrated the greatest aptitude for leadership in Jewish life.

Following the service, a reception tendered by the synagogue will be held in the Lemberg Auditorium. Mrs. Jacob Oberman, chairman of Class Mothers, and mothers of Grade Four students are in charge of arrangements.

—Martin Leichtling

78th Annual Congregational Meeting of Synagogue Joseph Howard Katz Re-elected Chairman of Board

Re-elected Chairman of Board



JOSEPH HOWARD KATZ

The seventy-eighth Congregational meeting of the synagogue took place Sunday evening, May 8, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave a very interesting, detailed report of the many activities in which our synagogue has engaged during the year. His complete report appears in another section of this BULLETIN.

The slate of officers presented by Mr. Benjamin Sack, chairman of the Nominating Committee, was unanimously approved. The new administration will be headed by Joseph Howard Katz, re-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees; Saul Godwin re-elected vice-chairman; Jacob Klein elected president for the ninth year; Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer re-elected first vice-president; Solomon E. Green re-elected second vice-president; Milton M. Sivek, treasurer; Joseph P. Mandelbaum, associate treasurer, and Emanuel Rosenthal, secretary.

The class of 1963 elected to the Board are: Nathan B. Gerber, Solomon E. Green, Mrs. Herman Helpert, Joseph Howard Katz, Gen. Melvin L. Krulwich, Mrs. Benjamin Sack, Sidney J. Silberman, Milton M. Sivek, Harry J. Sokolow, Archie Thurman. Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, president of Sisterhood, was ex-officio elected to serve for one year.

Rabbi Judah Nadich, who installed the officers and the members of the Board, compared the congregation to a family sharing alike the joyful and the sad occasions. He pointed out that our leaders are faced with great responsibility in carrying out their important duties.

In inducting Joseph Howard Katz into the office of Chairman of the Board, Rabbi Nadich referred to the devoted service that Mr. Katz has rendered over

Re-elected President



JACOB KLEIN

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"Lichvod Shabbat" Premiere at Synagogue Outstanding Event

The sixteenth annual service of New Liturgical Music of Contemporary Composers which took place at the Friday evening service on May 13, was an outstanding event in our synagogue.

The world premiere of *Lichvod Shabbat* by Reuven Kosakoff was presented by Hazzan David J. Putterman, soloists of the synagogue choir under the direction of Moshe Budmor and George Crook, organist. Rabbi Judah Nadich gave a fine commentary on modern liturgical music.

From the *New York Herald Tribune* of May 14, 1960, we print the following:

"The Park Avenue Synagogue's custom of commissioning a new work annually is a highly commendable one. Certainly there is room for fresh composition in the area of functional liturgical literature, and Mr. Kosakoff's contribution is a good deal more than just that. Although *Lichvod Shabbat* generally conforms to traditional idioms, there is enough novelty to give it considerable musical value as well as religious importance.

It is conceived with gratifying stylistic unity, and the inherent emotions are conveyed with poignant simplicity. Furthermore the composer, a formidable craftsman, has skillfully welded traditional procedures into the formal whole.

The guiding force behind the service was Cantor David J. Putterman, whose vocal contributions also brought special fervor to it.

The performance reflected the care and reverence of the participants. It was an evening to the credit of Park Avenue Synagogue and an occasion of importance to devotees of sacred music."

Members Will Receive High Holy Day Tickets And Dues Bill in June

Harry Halbren, chairman of the Membership Committee of Park Avenue Synagogue, announced that, in accordance with our customary procedure, membership bills and tickets for the forthcoming High Holy Days will be mailed directly following the Shavuot holiday. This year the High Holy Days occur on September 22 and 23 (Rosh Hashanah) and October 1 (Yom Kippur).

Early in June, Sidney R. Katz, executive director, will send bills and tickets to all congregants whose accounts are in order and whose dues have been paid for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Halbren wishes to call the attention of our congregants to the following:

1. It will be next to impossible to find any additional seating on the main floor of the synagogue for the forthcoming fiscal year beginning September 1, 1960. Members of the congregation making requests for additional seating on the main floor are requested to bear in mind the very serious limitation that faces us. As of this writing, we stand committed to find seating for persons who joined our congregation last year and for whom we have not yet been able to assign regular seats for the High Holy Days.
2. Friends or relatives of congregants or some of our new neighbors wishing to join the Park Avenue Synagogue, while very welcome, will also find it next to impossible to obtain seating on the main floor of the synagogue.
3. Seating in the mezzanine section of the synagogue, as well as in the balcony directly in back of it, may become available, although here too in very limited number.
4. There will be some seats, though not many, available in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Mr. Halbren urges congregants, when making their requests of the executive director, to bear in mind the above limitations.

—SRK

Formal Consecration Of Cemetery Grounds

The formal Consecration Service of the cemetery grounds at Kensico recently purchased by our synagogue in the Sharon Gardens section of Valhalla, Westchester County, took place on Sunday afternoon, May 22, at three o'clock.

Air-cooled buses especially engaged by the synagogue conveyed a number of members to the cemetery grounds for the service, while many others came by auto.

Rabbi Judah Nadich conducted the service, and Hazzan David J. Putterman, assisted by the synagogue choir, sang selections from the psalms. Those who participated in the program were: Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the synagogue.

School Board Dinner In Honor of Faculty

The faculty of the Religious School and its principal, Mr. Martin Leichtling, will be the guests of the members of the School Board at a dinner to be held on Thursday, May 26, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

This event, the first of its kind in recent years, will be a social get-together for the faculty and the members of the Board. Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board, expressed the hope that such an affair might become an annual event.

Mrs. Jack Kurzweil is chairman of the arrangements for the dinner.

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the years and the zeal with which he has accomplished the many arduous tasks that have daily come his way.

When Jacob Klein rose to be inducted, the audience stood in tribute to him. Mr. Klein's speech appears on another page of this BULLETIN.

After the meeting, a collation was served. The following were in charge of hospitality: Ethel and David Altschul, L. Chester Glaser, Lillian Helperu, Julian Jacobs, Ruth Kurzweil, Rhea Ruttenberg.

—RMR

Annual Report of Joseph Howard Katz, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Submitted at Congregational Meeting, Sunday Evening, May 8, 1960

Fellow congregants and members of the Park Avenue Synagogue: It is gratifying indeed to see you present tonight and encouraging to me that there are persons who are concerned with our synagogue and who wish to share with each other an evaluation of our experiences in the past twelve months.

My report this year will represent in content what I think ought to be our main perspective; namely, "looking forward!" We want to view from the vantage point of seventy-eight years of the history of our congregation, the "forward look" (to borrow a slogan from Madison Avenue) because it is the future which means so much to all of us.

In this spirit of "looking forward", I have divided this report into three main areas:

First: Our own Park Avenue Synagogue community

Second: The Jewish community

Third: The community as a whole

Distinguished and Devoted Ministry

In planning for the future, may I first underscore the basic needs of our congregants. The spiritual requirements of the members of the Park Avenue Synagogue are being met on the very highest plane by the able, distinguished and devoted ministry which now serves us in our pulpit. We look forward to Rabbi Nadich continuing his high level of inspirational sermons and his educational, brilliant lectures in the special spheres of adult education, and his able and devoted parish work within the families of our congregation. That future is consistently enhanced by the ever-continuing magnificent and uplifting service of Hazzan David J. Putterman, both on the pulpit and in his own pastoral work as well. Together with the addition of Hazzan Abraham Friedman, we have a very strong team that can make us look justifiably to the future with confidence and self assurance.

Our Religious School

Our Religious School, under the outstanding chairmanship of Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, has continued to grow. However, I look forward to an even more rapid rate of growth in the years to come. This is occasioned not only by the excellent reputation of our Religious School itself for which, of course, our school prin-



Seated left to right: Cantor Abraham Friedman, Solomon E. Green, Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Hazzan David J. Putterman, Jacob Klein, Rabbi Judah Nadich, Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of Board, standing, Saul Godwin, Milton M. Sivek, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Sidney R. Katz. Not shown: Emanuel Rosenthal.

cipal, Martin Leichtling, must receive the major share of the credit, but also because of two additional factors. One of these is the numerical expansion of our East Side Jewish community, and the other factor is the growth of our Religious School Scholarship Fund, which makes it possible for those on all economic levels to receive, if they need it, free and full Jewish education at our synagogue. Although the new population in the East Side from which we obtain our members is essentially middle-class and relatively prosperous, there is still not too far removed from us the ever present remainder of financially poor Jewish people who live in Yorkville, as well as in the housing projects above 96th Street, to whom these scholarships are available.

Youth Activities Program

We look for the future not only to our Religious School youngsters, but to the youths who are part of our Youth Activities Program, under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Herman Helporn. Even at this stage, it is a matter of no small pride to us that such a large percentage of the college youths who come to our

functions are from families who are members of our synagogue. In fact, out of a total of one hundred thirty-nine students in the group, one hundred fifteen are children of members of our congregation. From this college group and from the teenagers group (about two hundred in number, of whom eighty-five are of our synagogue origin), we have every reason to look forward with optimism toward the development of our future leaders and congregants. The popularity of our Youth Activities Program continues unabated, and we are very proud of it.

Our Immediate Jewish Community

We have indeed been fortunate in the history of our synagogue to have been able to develop two very solid arms of our congregation, the Sisterhood and the Men's Club. Looking to the future of our congregation, we find comfort and solace from these two major arms. We can look forward to a continuation of the excellent contributions which have been made and the cooperation which has been shown, and we expect that, in the years to come, both the Sisterhood
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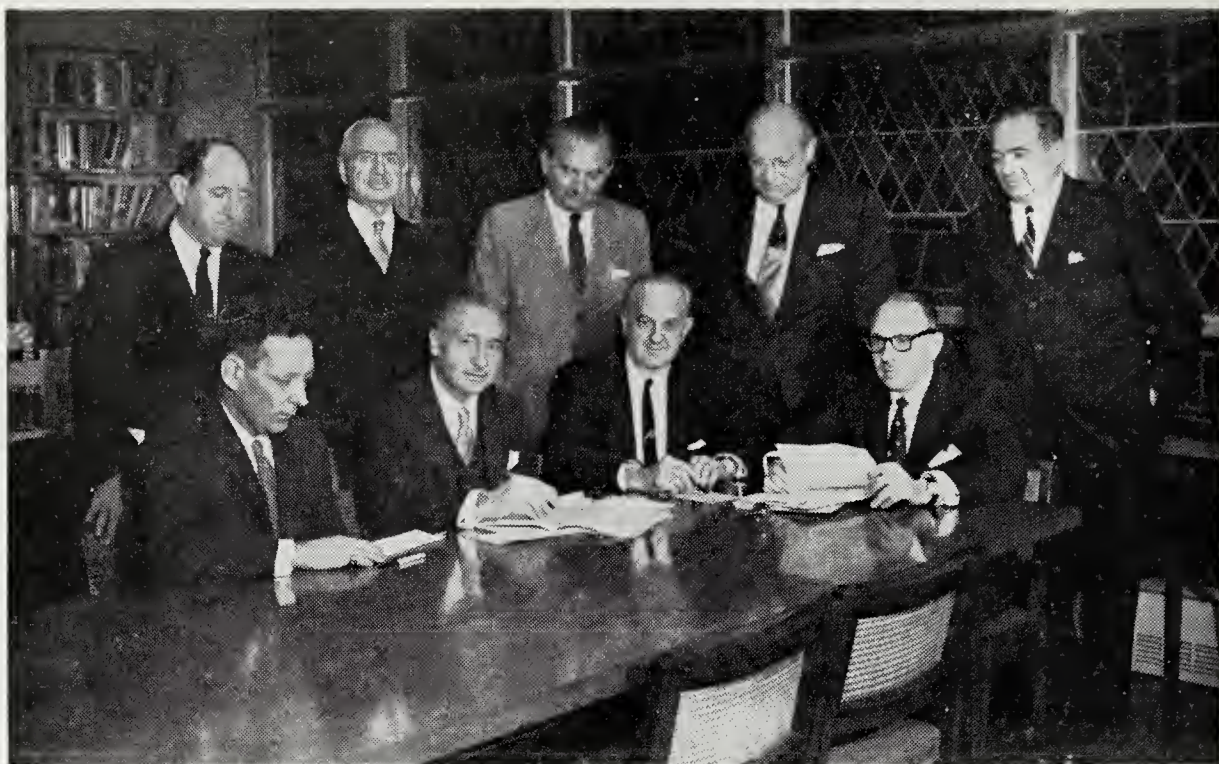
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and the Men's Club will continue to be a source of Park Avenue Synagogue leadership in the activities of the entire congregation. In weighing our hopes for what to look for in the years to come, we take into account two other arms of the congregation: the Parents Association and the much newer Mr. and Mrs. Club. The Parents Association has already demonstrated through the years what an excellent channel it can become for bringing leadership to the Sisterhood and to the Men's Club. Similarly, it is our hope for the future that the Mr. and Mrs. Club will likewise become established on a self-sustaining basis and that it will likewise bring leadership to the congregation.

Our Expanding Physical Properties

In looking to the future, we are ever continuing in our process of beautifying our sanctuary and improving the physical facilities of the Milton Steinberg House, and thus making the Park Avenue Synagogue in all respects a beautiful and religious vortex for our members. In this area, we have gone ahead a great deal in the past several years, but we must continue to plan for the future. Looking ahead, I can foresee even today that this physical structure, the sanctuary and the Milton Steinberg House combined, may in the not too distant future become overcrowded. As of this writing, every single classroom in the Milton Steinberg House is fully occupied on Sunday mornings with our ever-growing Sunday School. The activities of our synagogue affairs by way of catered weddings and other parties sometimes cramp the plans of our Youth Activities Program. Our policy, however, has been often to forego catering income rather than heedlessly to curtail either the activities of our youth program or the activities of any of the synagogue arms.

Speaking of catering, the policy of giving primacy to our religious and communal purposes rather than to catering as such is possible only through the policy of not surrendering to the tender mercies of a single caterer, who would relentlessly exploit this auditorium for his own commercial effort. In thinking about our future, we should remind ourselves that the Milton Steinberg House was built to withstand two additional stories if at some future date we will find it necessary to build upwards. Perhaps some day we will require the additional floors to take care of the inevitable future growth of this great institution.



Signing Contract at Purchase of Sharon Gardens

Late in the afternoon of December 14, 1959, the Cemetery Committee carried out its decision, in accordance with its authorization by the Board of Trustees, to purchase burial rights in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery.

Seated left to right: Asa D. Sokolow, chairman of the Law Committee; Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee; Milton M. Sivek, treasurer of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Standing left to right: Emanuel Epstein, member of the Cemetery Committee; Mortimer D. Millheiser, member of the Cemetery Committee; Joseph P. Mandelbaum, associate treasurer; Emanuel Hochman, member of the Cemetery Committee; Sidney R. Katz, executive director.

Not shown: Nathan B. Gerber, member of the Advisory Council; Murray Rothenberg, a member of the Cemetery Committee; Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer, 1st Vice-president.

Sharon Gardens Cemetery

One of the major steps this synagogue has taken in its seventy-eighth year of history was the momentous decision made by the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of burial rights as we did this year in the Sharon Gardens section of Kensico Cemetery. Under the superb leadership of Mr. Saul Godwin and Mr. Joseph P. Mandelbaum as Chairman and co-Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, we now own two acres of ground, which we may increase by option to three acres. From the standpoint of our financial future, the Sharon Gardens Cemetery of Park Avenue Synagogue will eventually become an important source of income. The concept of "eventually" should not be lost sight of here, since the income producing aspects of the cemetery are perhaps five or ten years away, but come they will, you may be sure. The generations which follow us, however they may criticize our shortcomings, will, I am certain, thank us for at least this much of our wisdom. We are very proud of this accomplishment.

Our Future Finances

Let us state for the record that we are a good-sized institution. We were always important, but today we are also fairly large. That carries with it certain other consequences. One of these consequences is the fact that we have nearly a quarter of a million dollars annual expenditure. Fortunately, our income in the last few years has kept pace with our increased operating costs.

Our Dues System

I want to take this occasion to say a word about our dues system, which I have touched upon in past annual reports, but which, within the framework of looking ahead, once again must be underscored. We have stopped "selling seats" years ago. We have no fixed dues payments. Each family in the congregation determines for itself what the family dues should be. We have a minimum which we feel is the least prerequisite for a Jewish family to discharge its responsibilities of belonging. We also have a maximum limitation so that no single family can have an overwhelming influence upon our dues structure. The point

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of my refresher remarks, as it were, is to remind those whose dues have remained static for years that perhaps it would not be amiss if they re-examine their own dues payments with frank, soul-scarching and see whether or not their contributions to the synagogue are measuring up to what they should be.

Those who have joined our synagogue during the past five or six years are, on the average, paying higher dues than many of our old members who have benefited so tremendously over the years from their association with the Park Avenue Synagogue.

As illustrative of my comments, I point out that, of the ninety-two families which joined us during the past year, less than half, and all of these with vestry seating, pay between one hundred fifty and two hundred dollars a year. Better than one-third, with balcony seating, pay between two hundred and five hundred dollars a year. About fifteen per cent of the new members have selected dues which entitle them to main floor seating. These dues run between five hundred dollars per annum and fifteen hundred dollars per annum. Without attempting any further research, am I not safe in hoping that there are congregants who have joined us in years gone by, who will re-examine their own contributions and increase their own dues accordingly? While on the subject of research, I evinced a curiosity about the age of the male heads of the families of those who have joined our synagogue during the past months. Half of those are under the age of fifty and half are between the ages of fifty and seventy. I do not know what quite to conclude with this data, but I thought I ought to share it with you with the added comment that at least in this respect we may not be too different from the age distribution in other synagogues.

Reserve Fund Necessary

The major guarantee of our financial future, however, will have to come from one new and additional source. I refer here to the urgent need of the Park Avenue Synagogue to create a million dollar Endowment and Reserve Fund. This fund would not be used for normal budgetary operations, except in a dire financial emergency and crisis, the kind none of us anticipates in the immediate future. This Endowment and Reserve Fund will provide a cushion through its income to assure our being able to survive the jolts which the future may bring.

It would not be amiss to say in passing that one simple method a congregant can use to help build this Endowment Fund would be to create a trust fund, the income from which would benefit the synagogue and would continue for a fixed number of decades after the congregant has passed on. Of course, there are other methods—such as a life insurance policy in which Park Avenue Synagogue is the beneficiary. Then there is always the legacy in one's will. It should interest you to know that, although few local synagogues and churches have had such funds, here in Manhattan two large Protestant churches have each separately recently established a million-dollar endowment fund in their own local churches. I am quite sure that what we are talking about here tonight is an achievable aim for Park Avenue Synagogue.

Aliyot for Women

In looking toward the future and in casting about for the charting of new paths, our synagogue is on the verge of taking a real step forward on a ritual matter which has been introduced by our Ritual Committee under the able chairmanship of Archie Thurman and which has been discussed at great length by the Board of Trustees and approved by the Board with one abstention. I refer to the step forward in the matter of granting Aliyot to women. This is an historic decision which grows out of the liberal attitude of our congregation. We have in the past singularly honored women at the Torah on Simhat Torah. We have confirmed Bat Mitzvah girls. Girls have been receiving Aliyot in our Religious School Sabbath Service and, on occasion or two, our indefatigable president, Jacob Klein, has invited women to the honor of the Pesihah, to open the Holy Ark. Of course, women have graced our pulpit on many other occasions. The step forward, therefore, in granting Aliyot for women is well grounded in the past history of our congregation.

It now becomes the task of the Ritual Committee to devise the mechanics and to consider the method for putting this practice into operation, subject to the approval of our congregation.

Looking Ahead in the Jewish Community

The East Side of Manhattan has grown tremendously in the past decade and it is conservative to say that within recent years one thousand Jewish families have moved into this area. It becomes our increasing responsibility to help serve

this larger and increasingly influential Jewish community, even though we are limited in the number of members who can join our synagogue. As in the past, we have always looked ahead to the future and exerted our influence in the Jewish community as a whole. Review the panorama of Jewish communal organization, either locally in New York or nationally in the United States, and you will find an ever-increasing number of Park Avenue Synagogue congregants playing their rightful role in Jewish leadership!

Participation in United Synagogue Convention

This vast area of Jewish interests goes far beyond the philanthropic. It includes Jewish defense and relief agencies, Jewish educational instrumentalities, and, of course, a variety of Jewish welfare and religious organizations.

Part of our increased responsibility to the community has taken the form of a real concern by many of our leaders with the Conservative Movement itself. I trust that our congregants for the most part have read with care the various reports of our participation at the United Synagogue convention, and of the activities of our Committee on Conservative Judaism, under the able chairmanship of Israel B. Oseas, all of which are trenchant analyses of the Conservative Movement. If we had done nothing else during this past year but set to rights the unfortunate trend of the United Synagogue of America toward centrally controlled standards which we oppose, we can in fairness say that we have begun to make a real contribution to better the Jewish community.

In the years to come, I think we can anticipate a greater role by our congregants and, I trust, a greater exercise of its influence in the Conservative Movement in the direction of asserting the leadership of the laity, and in attempting to retain the United Synagogue as a lay organization without superimposed controls upon local congregations.

The Community As a Whole

Jewish communal assistance has never been narrow. Where it has been restricted in its outlook or program, these restrictions came about, for the most part, through external pressures of non-Jewish and anti-Jewish sources rather than from any inner Jewish reluctance to participate in community responsibilities. I refer not merely to the normal com-

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munity Jewish issues where church, synagogue and civic groups often cooperate, but also to the questions of conscience, social justice and the responsibilities of man to all of humankind.

High ethical purpose in relation to the problems of the rest of humanity has ever been characteristically Jewish. It underscores the Jewish emphasis on the life in this world and the need for building a better world with the help of the Almighty, but nevertheless with our own initiative. We have always aimed to better the circumstances of humanity and to express its godliness by decent relations among all peoples.

I look forward to the future when that emphasis on social justice which finds expression in so many of Rabbi Nadich's sermons, will become part of the synagogue life of Park Avenue Synagogue. Just as this year and the year before, we have expanded the area of Jewish communal prayer through our daily evening Minyan service, I also look forward to a future when we will join in a program of social justice as envisioned by the prophets of old and as expressed in modern terms through the Joint Social Action Commission of the United Synagogue of America. Jews the world over can be that much more secure if this synagogue, for one, continues to expand in that direction.

The Past Year

Just a word about the year gone by. I have tried, but unsuccessfully again I am sure, to curtail my remarks this year because, as you know, each committee chairman has a report prepared for your examination. If you have not done so before the meeting began, please be sure to read these reports when this meeting is over. You will find them very rewarding.

While this report has been emphasizing the forward look, I want to deal briefly in this concluding section with the year immediately gone by. Please forgive this whimsey, but, unless we know where we are coming from, it will be difficult finding the direction to go forward.

Finances

During the past year, our finances have maintained the same solid structure as in the past with our excellent Finance Committee under the chairmanship of our esteemed colleague, Benjamin Sack. There is one very notable part of our financial report that impress-

es me. That is the fact that eighty percent of the income of our congregation is derived from dues! This is the soundest arrangement a synagogue can have and far better than all the other devices that so many congregations employ continually to harass their members about money. The remaining twenty percent or less comes primarily from the Religious School tuition and from catered affairs with a fractional scattering from other sources. Under Mr. Sack's prodding, our Board finally transferred a large reserve from savings banks to United States Treasury Bonds and Notes, a difficult step for so conservative an institution as ours. This will yield us perhaps an extra one percent of interest this year.

Religious School Graduation

I want to note only one special historic event this year—the graduation at the Friday evening service, May 6, of thirteen of our youngsters who had studied in our school for five years or more—a real High School graduation.

Adult Education

Under the chairmanship of Peter Miller, our Adult Education program has continued with two notable successes. Of these there were the very successful occupational study groups conducted by Rabbi Nadich, first for doctors and dentists and then for businessmen and women in the congregation. These have been very well received.

The other advance made in the field of Adult Education took the form of a joint project by the Adult Education Committee and the Parents Association under the presidency of Mrs. Jack Kurzweil. We have now succeeded in maintaining an afternoon class once a week to enable parents of first grade students to keep up with their youngsters. This is a very notable achievement under the inspiring pedagogic skill of the instructor, Mrs. Milton Finkel.

Milton Steinberg Tenth Yahrzeit

We have said so much this year about Rabbi Milton Steinberg in the course of commemorating his tenth Yahrzeit that I feel it unnecessary to say more in this report beyond noting that the occasion of his Yahrzeit was an extraordinarily memorable event. A distinguished program and an outpouring in attendance of persons who revered his memory marked the occasion. Under the chairmanship of Milton Sivek, our Planning Committee continues to serve the very useful purpose of thinking ahead and of working out general plans for major synagogue events. In connection with the Steinberg Yahrzeit, the Planning Committee did an exemplary job.

Membership

More new members were taken into the synagogue this year than any time in our recent history. The current prospect for making membership available to any additional families is slim indeed. Frankly, I am impelled to say that perhaps it is for the best. We have a good-sized congregation, now close to eight hundred families, and we want to do our best to serve these families who will accept the physical limitation of our sanctuary as a blessing against the pursuit of meaningless large numbers of members.

Harry Halbren, chairman of the Membership Committee, has continued to do a superb job in bringing the new families into our synagogue.

Sisterhood

In addition to my reference earlier to the Sisterhood, I want to make special mention here of Sisterhood's very sizable contributions to a large variety of philanthropies, including a new annual contribution to our Religious School Scholarship Fund from funds derived from the sale of religious items. Under the

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Hebrew Class and instructor, Mrs. Milton Finkel, shown standing.

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dynamic leadership of Mrs. Irwin H. Rome as president, Sisterhood continues its more than half a century of progress and service.

Men's Club

Under the inspired leadership of Harry A. Dubin, more new members have been enrolled in the Men's Club this year than during any single year in its history. This month Men's Club completed the payment of its balance of three thousand dollars for the reconstruction work in the vestry for which it originally had pledged \$7500.00. Finally, I must mention the daily Minyan, which is carried on so heroically and successfully, an achievement of which all members of the Men's Club have reason to be proud.

Gifts, Wills and Bequests

Despite the wisdom of its chairman, Judge Maxwell Shapiro, the measure of activity of the Committee on Gifts, Wills and Bequests is such that we will not know for many years to come the results of our efforts in educating our congregants to include a legacy in their wills for the benefit of the Park Avenue Synagogue. It is my hope that if we launch the project of an Endowment Fund, which I mentioned earlier, this Committee will more than justify every confidence we have in it.

The Synagogue Bulletin

I know that all of our congregants share the heavy heart with which we once again formally note the passing of the late editor of our Bulletin, our dear friend, Nelson Ruttenberg, distinguished member of our Board of Trustees, and a leading citizen of New York. Let it be known here that our congregation is very fortunate, indeed, in having been able to avail itself of the services of Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg, who has continued to maintain the Bulletin on the same high standards of the past. We say with pride that, due to Mrs. Ruttenberg's efforts, our Bulletin is an outstanding synagogue periodical.

Arts and Decorations Committee

Under the present chairmanship of Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, this Committee is continuing its excellent job in making our synagogue as well as the Milton Steinberg House institutions of beauty. Incidentally, I cannot let this occasion go by without thanking the past chairman, Mrs. Milton Sivek, for her tireless ef-

forts, during the hot days of last summer, in purchasing and supervising the installation of new seat cushions in our sanctuary and in purchasing and supervising the laying of the beautiful carpeting in the sanctuary and in the pulpit. We are very grateful to her.

House Committee

This year under the chairmanship of Julian Jacobs, the House Committee is receiving the careful, back-breaking and vigilant attention to detail which it requires. This summer, when most of us will be away from the city, this Committee will be here supervising the summer painting and refurbishing which our buildings require.

Ushering Committee

The Ushering Committee has carried through very well under the chairmanship of David Altschul and has shouldered all the special functions of the congregation with expert skill.

I want to take this occasion also to express our thanks for his co-operation to Harold Glasser, synagogue Ritual assistant and director of ushering, who is now a regular member of our staff.

Library Committee

In Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, we continue to have a devoted and dedicated chairman of the Library Committee, and in Mrs. Hilde Kisch, a most diligent and gifted librarian. The use of that facility is increasing daily and new books are beginning to fill all the shelves of our beautiful library.

The Law Committee

The Law Committee under Asa D. Sokolow's talented chairmanship plays a genuine role in our synagogue. Among other things, it prepared an excellent set of rules for our cemetery operations which were recently adopted by our Board of Trustees.

Special Committees

Although the years of my chairmanship of the Board have been happy ones, they have not always been easy, and without the cooperation of each of the officers, the members of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Council, the presidents of the Synagogue Arms and the chairmen of standing committees, it would have been virtually impossible for me to carry on. I am grateful to all of them. I am grateful to the host of wonderful men and women who have re-

sponded to my call for service during the year and to the following chairmen of special committees: Mrs. Milton Heller, Sukkah Committee; Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Simhat Torah Committee; Mrs. Jacob Starr, New Members' Party; Mrs. Emanuel Appelbaum, Purim Party; Mrs. Robert Altman, Hanukkah Party; Mrs. David J. Mendelsohn, Congregational Seder; Mrs. Isidore Hahn, Oneg Shabbat; Mrs. Ezra Cohen, Religious School Scholarship Fund and Mr. Harry Altmark, our Gabbai extraordinary, who is always available to sit on the pulpit.



Benjamin Sack, chairman of Nominating Committee, shown reading slate of Officers and Board Members.

Rabbi Judah Nadich shown seated at table.

I am grateful to our Vice-Chairman, Saul Godwin, who in addition to so many committee assignments, has also substituted for me in my absence and has conducted the meeting of our Board and has appeared in my behalf before many synagogue committees and meetings.

I am grateful to our beloved president, Jacob Klein, who has continued to carry on his duties on and off the pulpit in spite of trying personal periods.

And finally I am grateful to our executive director, Sidney R. Katz, with whom I am in daily communication, and without whose assistance and cooperation I could never hurdle the scores of problems that pass across my desk. I have hounded and badgered him to call

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Annual Report . . .

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meetings, and to attend meetings, to give up evenings, and Lord knows what else. I have always tried to do these things in such a way as not to cause resentment and bitterness. If at times I went beyond the bounds of reasonableness, I hope he understands that it was done in the good cause of P.A.S. and that he will forgive me.

I like to think that this report again resembles a play. The title this year is P.A.S., May 1959 to May 1960, and like its predecessors the cast should be permitted to take a bow at the end of the performance. May I therefore ask those whose names I will call to rise and acknowledge your applause in the order of their appearance in this report:

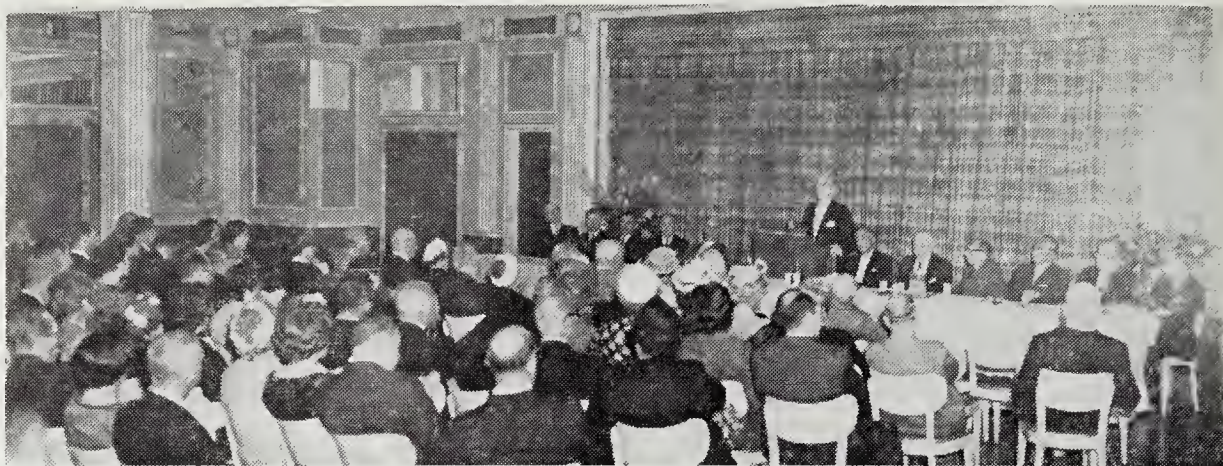
Rabbi Judah Nadieh, Hazzan David J. Putterman, Hazzan Abraham Friedman, Mrs. Sigmund Siegel, Martin Leichtling, Mrs. Herman Helpert, Saul Godwin, Joseph P. Mandelbaum, Archie Thurman, Israel B. Oseas, Benjamin Sack, Milton M. Sivek, Harry Halbren, Peter Miller, Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, Mrs. Irwin H. Rome, Harry A. Dubin, Judge Maxwell Shapiro, Mrs. Nelson Ruttenberg.

Mrs. Samuel Lemberg, Mrs. Milton Sivek, Julian Jacobs, David Altschul, Harold Glasser, Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, Mrs. Hilde Kisch, Asa D. Sokolow, Mrs. Milton Heller, Mrs. Jacob Starr, Mrs. Emanuel Appelbaum, Mrs. Robert Altman, Mrs. David Mendelsohn, Mrs. Ezra Cohen, Mrs. Isidore Hahn, Harry Altmann, Jacob Klein, Sidney R. Katz.

And now in closing, just a parting thought:

Several millenia ago it was written: "Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst." The synagogue is the sanctuary, and when we proclaim God's message in the synagogue and render services within these walls, we not only bring benediction to man but we build for ourselves a spiritual bridge which storms cannot destroy nor time corrode.

—Joseph Howard Katz
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Rabbi Judah Nadieh (standing) shown installing newly elected Officers and Board Members at 78th Congregational Meeting

Address by Jacob Klein Upon His Induction

My friends:

It was really heartening to listen to Rabbi Nadieh's beautiful remarks, even though they may have been somewhat exaggerated, and I thank him for being so kind.

I am reminded of the following story:

A Chicago firm wrote to a Boston firm, asking for a reference about a young Bostonian, whom they wished to employ. The Boston firm replied that the father of the young man was a Cabot, that his mother was a Lowell, that he was also related to the Saltonstalls, Peabodys and many other families of distinction, and that they had no hesitation in recommending him for the position. The Chicago firm thanked the Boston firm for their trouble, but said he was not just the kind of young man they were looking for, as they did not intend to use him for breeding purposes.

This is not a report, but rather a message. The By-Laws of the synagogue do not provide for any report to be made by the president, and I consider it a very wise provision.

After listening to the wonderful report of the chairman of the Board, which also embodied the reports of the chairmen of the various subsidiary organizations and committees, I could hardly add anything of importance.

At the same time, I would like to ask each one of you whether you realize what a stupendous amount of work these ladies and gentlemen perform graciously, generously and voluntarily for the benefit of the synagogue. These services are rendered at great personal sacrifice and ought to be a real inspiration to each one of you to give these officers your

assistance at such times as they request it.

I feel deeply honored by having been elected for the ninth term as your president. However I also think that, in spite of the fact that the Nominating Committee has considered no other gentleman for this high honor, and that, as far as I know, there are no other aspirants for the office, it is a great mistake for this or any other organization to continue in office indefinitely any man, no matter how valuable he may be. It is not good for the congregational morale, and I mean that sincerely. There must be some members equally capable who either should be eager to hold that office or should be encouraged to seek it.

From the Book of Fables by Berachyah Ha-nakdon, I quote the following: "If thou too earnestly seek pre-eminence and power, be sure that they will flee from thee, but, if thou bearest thyself in this world like a guest receiving its hospitality, men will try to find for thee a place of honor."

This would seem to indicate that one should not strive for the honor to be president of a congregation, nor for any other office.

On the other hand, we are presently in the midst of a campaign for the nomination for President of the United States. You are witnesses to the fact that there are at least a half dozen men who are either Senators or Congressmen of good character and integrity who are scurrying all over the United States in an effort to induce their fellow citizens to cast votes in their favor. This of course is counter to the statement I have just read from the book of Fables; but

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Address by Jacob Klein . . .*(Continued from Page 8)*

I have not heard, seen nor read anywhere of anyone's disapproval of this kind of campaigning. Nevertheless, I would not approve of any of our members ringing doorbells or telephoning to urge people to vote for them for this or any other high office.

Of course, there is a difference, even though slight, between the person occupying the highest office in the country and me occupying the office of the president of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

First and foremost, of course, is the difference in salary. The President of the United States receives an annual salary of \$100,000 and the President of the Park Avenue Synagogue is content to serve for no material reward. I do, however, feel that my reward is equally great and please don't say "sour grapes!"

There is a prayer that is recited in many Orthodox and Conservative congregations which says: "And whoever interests himself faithfully in congregational affairs, the Almighty will reward by keeping him free from illness, will cure his bodily ills, forgive his transgressions and prosper him in all his undertakings."

Isn't that a wonderful recompense? I hope you won't think me egotistical if I say that I have been the beneficiary of that prayer.

In one of his sermons recently, Rabbi Nadich said that envy and pride are man's most harmful qualities. Envy causes jealousy and jealousy causes hatred. He also said that men and women are envied only because of material possessions. Never is there any envy of the spirit of kindness or goodness!

I close with a poem, whose author I do not know:

Give me the courage, Lord, to dare
To do the things I want to do,
To take the task which beckons me,
To give my best and see it through.
Help me to spurn the lure of wealth,
The call of mere material things,
And answer just the clear-cut call
That honest inspiration brings.

—Jacob Klein

"A man who desires to help others by counsel or deed will refrain from dwelling on men's faults, and will speak sparingly of human weaknesses."

Benedict Spinoza
(Dutch Jewish philosopher)

**Sisterhood Meeting
Officers Installed**

Sisterhood's final meeting of the year held on Tuesday, May 17, was a fitting finale to a year of fine programs.

A delicious luncheon was served at this annual birthday party and installation of Officers and Board members. As is customary at the opening of all Sisterhood meetings, Mrs. Solomon E. Green, past president of Sisterhood and this year's chaplain, gave a D'var Torah, a message from the Torah. These brief ethical readings have been very inspirational and have been beautifully delivered.

Mrs. Irwin Rome, president of Sisterhood, gave her annual report of Sisterhood's accomplishments during the past year. Hazzan David J. Putterman entertained with appropriate songs. Rabbi Judah Nadich did his usual excellent job of installing the officers and Executive Board members who had been presented for election at Sisterhood's annual evening meeting by Mrs. Solomon E. Green, chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Honored at this birthday party for their loyalty to Sisterhood through the years were: Mesdames Emma Luebeck, Bertha Davidson, Clara Guggenheimer, Sarah Bernstein, Minnie Rosenthal, Bertha Ackerman, Millie Rothschild, Julia Steiner, Anna Edelman, Dina Rosenbusch, Frieda Roth and Rose Altmark.

—Ethel B. Altschul

Congratulations

Mrs. Bess R. Cohen and Mr. Isidor M. Cohen upon the birth of a granddaughter, Tamar Judith and to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Cohen upon the birth of their great-granddaughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Druss upon the engagement of their son, Dr. Richard Druss to Miss Marjorie Kramer.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leichtling upon the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to Ronald A. Hirsch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Schaefer upon the birth of a daughter, Nicole Yvette Dora.

Mrs. Edith Steinberg upon the engagement of her son, Jonathan, to Miss Jill Meier of London. The wedding will take place in London in November.

**Rabbi Nadich Will Be
Interviewed on C.B.S. TV**

Rabbi Judah Nadich will be interviewed by Dr. Ormond Drake, director of Town Hall, on C.B.S. TV, Channel 2 on Sunday, June 5, at 9:30 a.m. for a half hour program entitled "The Way To Go", a weekly feature of C.B.S. On this program, Dr. Drake interviews well known guests on various religious subjects.

**Parents Association
Celebrates 15th Birthday**

The Parents Association celebrated its fifteenth birthday at an open meeting, May 18, in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Mrs. Jack Kurzweil, president of the Association, reviewed the activities that had taken place during the year. These included the Holiday Workshops, the educational programs and the popular Hebrew course sponsored by the Parents Group and the Adult Education Committee.

Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, past president, outlined the growth of the group from the first classrooms in the Auditorium to the present, beautiful, modern classrooms in the Milton Steinberg House; from the first library with carts of books wheeled from classroom to classroom to our present, beautiful Cohen Library.

Mrs. Charles Weisberg, chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the slate of officers and Board members for the coming year. This was unanimously approved.

A film, "The High Wall," portraying the tragedy of bigotry in the home, was shown. This was followed by a few timely comments by our Religious School principal, Martin Leichtling.

A festive ice cream cake, glowing with candles, was then served. To our chairman of Arts and Decorations, Mrs. Robert Altman, our gratitude for the unusual, artistic table she arranged.

Our gratitude to our Program chairman, Mrs. Louis I. Kaplan, for a very interesting evening.

—RMR

Correction

Through an error, the name of Mrs. Albert Siegel was inadvertently omitted from the list of Executive Board members of the Parents Association. Mrs. Siegel for many years has been one of its most loyal and devoted members.

Men's Club Completes Payment of \$7500 Pledge

The Men's Club has completed its original pledge of seventy-five hundred dollars by giving Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, a check for three thousand dollars at the May eighth Congregational Meeting. The money so graciously contributed by the Men's Club was used for reconstruction work in the vestry of the synagogue.

The Park Avenue Synagogue is indeed grateful to the Men's Club under the presidency of Harry A. Dubin for its very generous gift.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

will be held on the second day
of Shavuot

Thursday morning, June 2

Those wishing to memorialize any family member are asked to return the enclosed card to reach the synagogue office no later than Friday, May 27.

Cards cannot be accepted during the service itself.

Religious School News

The Hebrew Department will hold its closing session on Thursday, June 9, 1960.

The School Office will be open Monday through Thursday afternoons during the month of June for the registration of new students.

Parents Association Guests at UJA Tea

A UJA tea for members of the Parents Association is being held at the home of Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer, 1185 Park Avenue, on Wednesday afternoon, May 25. Mrs. Wimpfheimer, past president of the Parents Association, is currently serving as UJA chairman of that group.

Mrs. Hal Horne, campaign chairman of the UJA Women's Division, will be the guest speaker.

Candle Lighting Time:

May 27 — 7:57 Daylight Saving Time

June 3 — 8:01 Daylight Saving Time

June 10 — 8:06 Daylight Saving Time

Judge Botein Comments On Change and Progress

The May 3 Law Journal carried the following article written by Hon. Bernard Botein, a former chairman of our Board of Trustees. He is Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Judicial Department.

"Change is the raw data of progress. Change does not, however, become progress without the intervention of intelligence. And where change is revolutionary by reason of its speed and magnitude, anticipation is the only alternative to chaos. These desiderata I believe pertinent today to the judicial process as well as to other less encrusted institutions.

As the special guardians, if not the special pleaders for the judicial process, it remains for our profession to construct the machinery of anticipation necessary to enable that process to avoid the obsolescence which is today measured by years rather than by centuries. In such a process we do not merely discount at present rates the problems of the future."

—JUSTICE BERNARD BOTEIN (1960)

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, May 27 5:45 p.m.

Saturday Morning, May 28 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Richard Allen Stuchiner
son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Martin Stuchiner and Mrs. Irving Alperin

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Tuesday Evening, May 31 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday Morning, June 1 9:30 a.m.

The Confirmation Service

Wednesday Evening, June 1 5:45 p.m.

Thursday Morning, June 2 9:30 a.m.

The Yizkor memorial prayers will be read

Friday Evening, June 3 5:45 p.m.

Saturday Morning, June 4 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Andrew H. and Robert M. Beecher
sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Beecher

Friday Evening, June 10 5:45 p.m.

Saturday Morning, June 11 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of Laurence Kaplan
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Kaplan
and of Barbara Levine
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levine

Dr. Nadich will preach at Sabbath morning services
and will officiate with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the Synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ.

Condolences

Mr. Joseph Perlman upon the death of his father, Maris L. Perlman.

DAILY MINYAN

Evening Chapel Service
5:45 p.m. (one-half hour)

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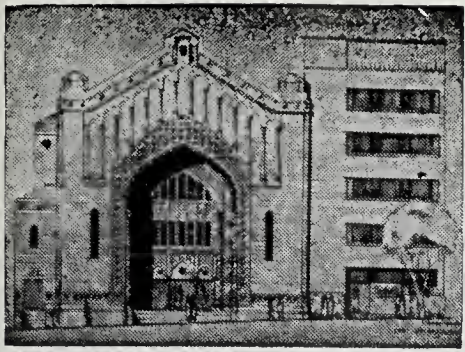
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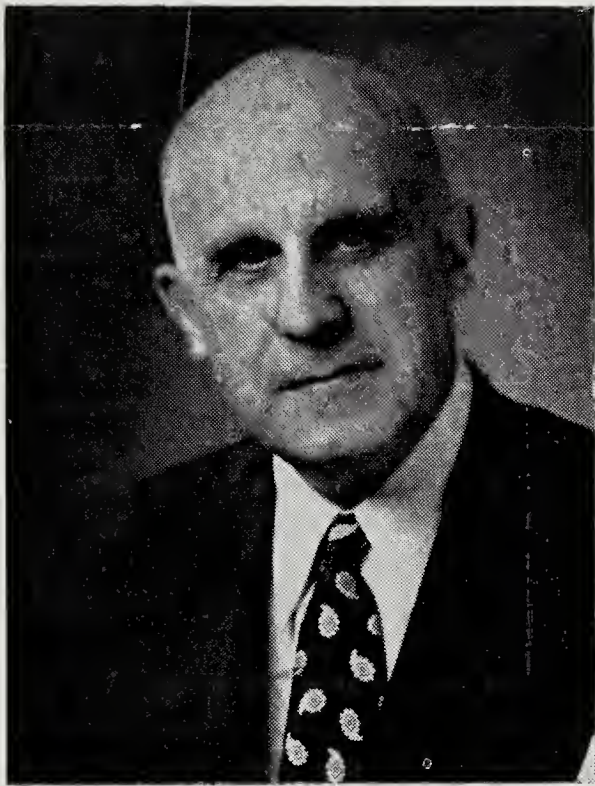
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Park Avenue Synagogue Mourns Its Great Loss Ezra Cohen (1891 - 1960)



We shall remember with affection our dear friend, Ezra Cohen—always gentle, kind, always interested in his fellowman.

As this issue of the BULLETIN was ready to go to press, we received the sad news of the passing of Ezra Cohen, beloved member and trustee of the Park Avenue Synagogue who gave many decades of devoted service to our congregation.

Mr. Cohen, who was chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1955 to 1957, served as a trustee since 1929, for a longer period than any other member now on our Board. He was also chairman of the Membership Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Religious School Board, on all of which he served with distinction.

To his dear wife, Mathilde Weill Cohen, we extend our heartfelt condolences in this hour of sorrow.

Services for Ezra Cohen will be held at the Park Avenue Synagogue, Wednesday, June 15, at 12:30 p.m.

Students Confirmed At Shavuot Service

The Confirmation Service, one of the most beautiful services at the synagogue, took place on the first day of Shavuot, June 1. The religious service was conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir with George Crook at the organ.

The following students were awarded certificates: Bram Andrews, Beth Brown, Rhoda Epstein, Michael Fein, Sonya Kaufman, Georgia Kingson, Marc Leichtling, Samuel Paskin, Joel Schore, Sheryl Shapiro, and Rita Sherr. Nine were recently graduated from our Religious School.

The members of the Confirmation Class read from the Scriptures and gave explanations of the Scriptural reading of Exodus XIX-XX and of the Haftarah. An inspiring feature of the Service was the rendition by the confirmands of an abridged version of the cantata, "The Seven Golden Buttons", written by Ira and Judith Eisenstein and directed by our music instructor, Mrs. Leah Abrams.

Mrs. Sigmund A. Siegel, chairman of the School Board, assisted by Rabbi Nadich, presented the confirmands with their diplomas. In behalf of the Sisterhood, each girl received a Bible and each boy a book of his choice. A friend of the Religious School gave each confirmand a subscription to the Jewish Publication Society.

Award to Bram Andrews

The Youth Leadership Award, sponsored annually by Men's Club, was presented to Bram Andrews by Mr. L. Chester Glaser, chairman of the Cultural and Religious Affairs Committee. The award, a sterling silver medal, is given each year to the confirmand who, in the opinion of the committee, has best demonstrated the greatest aptitude for leadership in Jewish life.

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CONFIRMANDS, JUNE 1, 1960: From left to right—Rhoda Epstein, Michael Fein, Sonya Kaufman, Marc Leichtling, Sheryl Shapiro, George Kingson, Samuel Paskin, Beth Brown, Bram Andrews, Rita Sherr, Joel Schore.

On the pulpit: Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman. Principal of the Religious School, Martin Leichtling, not shown in the picture.

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Services Continue Through Summer Months

There is no summer recess for religious services at the Park Avenue Synagogue. The doors of the building will be open through July and August.

Sabbath services will take place every Friday evening at 5:45 p.m. and each Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. During the remainder of June, Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning, and Hazzan Putterman will officiate together with the synagogue choir and Mr. Crook at the organ.

During July and August, these Sabbath services take place in the air-conditioned Appleman Chapel. Hazzan Abraham Friedman will chant the services.

The daily services will be held every weekday and Sunday at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel.

Members of the congregation who will be in New York during the summer are urged to attend both the Sabbath and the daily services as often as possible.

Do You Wish An Aliyah?

When our congregants receive their tickets for the High Holy Days, they will note that special invitations have been extended to the male members of the synagogue to receive an Aliyah for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.

If you desire to receive this honor, please write to Mr. Archie Thurman, chairman of the Ritual Committee, at the synagogue office.

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Daily Chapel Service Continues at 5:45 P.M. During Entire Summer

For the first time in the history of the Park Avenue Synagogue, daily services will take place during the summer months.

This June marks the end of two years of sustained daily chapel services under the auspices of the Men's Club and its committee headed by Mr. L. Chester Glaser with Dr. Harry Neivert as co-chairman. In itself, this marks a new achievement in the history of the Men's Club and of the congregation itself.

This summer the effort will be made for the first time to have services take place each day during June, July and August. Since so many of our members are away for the summer, maintenance of these daily services will not be a simple task. However, it is certainly true that the primary purpose for a synagogue is divine worship, and that affiliation with the synagogue involves the conviction that religious services are to take place regularly. This conviction must be supported by more than financial contributions. It must be backed by personal effort and participation. Membership in a synagogue involves, therefore, the obligation to help make possible the continuation of regular religious services in the synagogue.

Members of the Park Avenue Synagogue who will be in the city during the summer are urged to attend the daily service in the air-conditioned Appleman Chapel at 5:45 p.m. The services take place every weekday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Those members who have not already written to Mr. Glaser in care of the synagogue to say that they can be counted upon for attendance at least at one service a month are requested to do so.

The brief daily service has been described by those who attend it as a source of personal uplift and inspiration. Many have commented that it has added a new dimension to the routine of their daily living. Apart from all that attendance at the daily chapel service this summer will mean to you individually, you will be among those who will be making a pioneering contribution to the assurance of a permanent daily chapel service at the Park Avenue Synagogue.

No Seating Changes For High Holy Days Until Late in August

Mr. Harry Halbren, chairman of the Membership Committee, has requested those congregants who have asked for different seating arrangements not to anticipate any changes in their seats until the latter part of August.

New members of the congregation who have joined this year and who have not yet received their seating assignments, will not be given seats until the same time—toward the latter part of the summer.

In making this statement, Mr. Halbren pointed out that it is to the interest of the congregation as well as to the congregants who request changed seating to wait until the latter part of August until any reassignments are made. Not until then do we have a clear picture of such limited seating as may become available for those who require more seats or for those who want to move to the main floor or to the mezzanine of the main synagogue. This also applies to those who have recently joined the congregation.

In an announcement carried in our BULLETIN last month, Mr. Halbren explained that never in the history of our congregation has it been so difficult to find additional seating.

—SRK

New Book Contains Essay On Rabbi Steinberg

Rabbi Milton Steinberg is the subject of an essay which is part of a new book, "What It Means To Be a Jew", by Rabbi Charles Shulman of the Riverdale Temple. The book was issued June eighth by Crown Publishers.

Confirmation Service

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After the service, a reception in the Lemberg Auditorium was tendered by the synagogue in honor of the confirmands. The beautiful decorations and the charming tables were arranged by Mrs. Jacob Oberman, chairman of Class Mothers, and Mrs. Albert Cornell, her co-chairman, and the mothers of Grade Four students.

—RMR

Formal Consecration of Cemetery Grounds At Sharon Gardens Impressive



CONSECRATION SERVICE: Rabbi Nadich and Hazzan Putterman shown officiating at the Service at Sharon Gardens on May 22, 1969.

The Consecration Service of the Sharon Gardens section of the Kensico Cemetery recently purchased by the Park Avenue Synagogue took place on Sunday, May 22. The service conducted by Rabbi Judah Nadich and Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by the synagogue choir was dignified and impressive.

Mr. Saul Godwin, chairman of the Cemetery Committee, Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, and Mr. Jacob Klein, president of the synagogue, participated in the program.

In turning over the deed to the property to Mr. Katz, Mr. Godwin said in part:

"Our Board of Trustees has long recognized its obligation to provide its members with an opportunity to purchase appropriate and dignified cemetery grounds on land owned by the synagogue. Not until this year was it able to concentrate its efforts in this direction, and now Park Avenue Synagogue has acquired these broad and beautiful acres at Sharon Gardens, a section of Kensico Cemetery, Westchester County.

"Jewish modernists continue to believe that though he die, man lives on. Hence, the knowledge that he is in a place of beauty is a source of consolation to the bereft.

"I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have taken part in adding this facet to the many junctures at which our synagogue reaches out to meet us and help us during our lifetime. I know that I speak for the members of my committee when I add, to my own, their appreciation for having been able to serve our synagogue.

"We are confident that those who come after us will be grateful for our foresight in providing these facilities for the members of our synagogue.

"And now it is with humility and a sense of dedication to God and the House in which we serve Him that I turn over the deed to this property to Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of our Board of Trustees, who gave ardent support to our endeavors."



SHARON GARDENS



SCENE AT SHARON GARDENS: A group of members arrive for the Consecration Service.

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Sisterhood News

The President, Officers and Executive Board of Sisterhood extend to all the members of Sisterhood and their families their best wishes for a very pleasant summer. They look forward to greeting them again in the fall at their first open meeting which will be held in September. Watch the BULLETIN for the announcement of the date.

—Ethel B. Altschul

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Harry A. Dubin Re-elected President of Men's Club At Annual Meeting

A Dinner-Election meeting on May 24 in the Lemberg Auditorium brought to a close until September the active season of the Men's Club. The affair was well attended and, from all reports, a very enjoyable get-together.

Mr. Harry A. Dubin, president of Men's Club, pledged the club to increased efforts in behalf of the synagogue, Seminary, and the community and pointed out the desirability of bringing the membership together more often on an informal and social basis. "The bonds of friendship," he said, "are more closely cemented thereby and provide an even greater stimulus for joint action in matters vital to the club and to the synagogue."

Rabbi Judah Nadich installed the newly elected officers and members of the Executive Board into office. The complete slate for 1960-1961 is listed on this page of the BULLETIN.

Awards Presented

This year, the *Man of the Year Award* presented somewhat of a problem because two members of the club were voted worthy to receive this coveted honor—David Altschul and Albert Siegel. The awards, beautiful desk sets, were presented to each.

In presenting the award to Mr. Altschul, Mr. Julian Jacobs, treasurer of Men's Club, complimented Mr. Altschul upon the inspiring programs he had planned during the year as chairman of the Program Committee. Mr. Altschul has also done a magnificent job as chairman of the Ushering Committee during the Friday evening and Saturday morning services in the synagogue.

Mr. James J. Liebman presented the award to Mr. Albert Siegel, recording secretary for the Men's Club. Mr. Siegel has served as editor of the *Memo*, the newsy paper sponsored by Men's Club which reports the activities of the club. This year the *Memo* was given a special merit award by the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in a contest representing papers throughout the United States and Canada. Congratulations to Mr. Siegel for this well-deserved honor for his efforts in making the *Memo*—to quote from the paper: "breezy, cheerful and newsy."

—RMR

A Note From The Editor

With this issue, the BULLETIN comes to an end for the summer. With dreams of a brighter to-morrow, the editor hopes to continue to bring you Bulletins which will record the events of the Synagogue and keep you informed of the many activities which take place—religious, civic and social.

Our Bulletins have travelled as near as the nearest home and as far as the most distant state in the Union. The aim of every publication is to be readable, interesting, eye-appealing and most important—to be read. The editor sincerely hopes she has reached this goal at least in some slight measure.

To the contributors of the various arms of the synagogue for meeting that dreaded "deadline"; to Rabbi Judah Nadich for his inspiring articles of religious interest; to Mr. Joseph Howard Katz, chairman of the Board, for his encouragement; to Mr. Sidney R. Katz, our executive director, for his suggestions on timely articles; and to Miss Rivia Shapiro for her eagle eye in proof reading—my sincerest gratitude.

Have a wonderful summer. The next issue of the BULLETIN will appear early in September and will bring you complete information on the High Holy Days.

—Rhea M. Ruttenberg

Mrs. M. Turman Presents Award at UJA Luncheon

Mrs. Moe Turman, a member of Park Avenue Synagogue, presented an award to Mrs. Avraham Harman, wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United States, at a luncheon in behalf of UJA.

Mrs. Turman is currently metropolitan UJA chairman of Hadassah, and associate chairman of the Greater New York UJA Women's Division. Recently she was presented with an award by the New York Chapter of Hadassah for collecting the most money in Manhattan for the Hadassah Health Seal Campaign. She was also honored by being made an "Ima" (Mother in Israel).

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. David Fogelson upon their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Louis Friedfeld upon the engagement of their daughter, Pauline Bilsky, to Edward Bernat.

Gen. Melvin L. Krulwich upon the marriage of his daughter, Ann Grace, to Sanford Socolow.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roth upon their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer upon the marriage of their daughter, Doris Ellen, to David R. Finkel.

Religious School News

The Religious School is now accepting applications for admission of *new* students for the school year beginning September 1960.

All children who will have reached their ninth birthday by April 1, 1961, must enroll in the three-day-a-week Hebrew Department beginning September 1960.

Students who are not attending our Primary Department and are qualified to be admitted to the three-day-a-week classes under this age ruling will be assigned to their classes by the office.

New students must register at the synagogue office which will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the month of June.

Children of Non-Members Accepted

Members of the congregation are urged to advise their friends and relatives in the community that children of non-members may be enrolled in the school.

—Martin Leichtling

Condolences

Dr. Frank E. Cross upon the death of his wife, Dorothy Brooks Cross.

Mr. Nathan B. Gerber upon the death of his wife, Bertha Gerber.

Schedule of Religious Services

Friday Evening, June 17 5:45 p.m.

Saturday Morning, June 18 9:30 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah of David Saul Hammer
son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Hammer
and of Harlan Donald Boriss
son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold S. Boriss

Friday Evening, June 24 5:45 p.m.

Saturday Morning, June 25 9:30 a.m.

Bat Mitzvah of Joan Ellen Fieber
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mack H. Fieber
and of Carol Ann Rome
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin H. Rome

Rabbi Nadich will preach each Sabbath morning
and will officiate with Hazzan David J. Putterman assisted by
the Synagogue choir with Mr. George Crook at the organ

SABBATH SERVICES DURING JULY AND AUGUST
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